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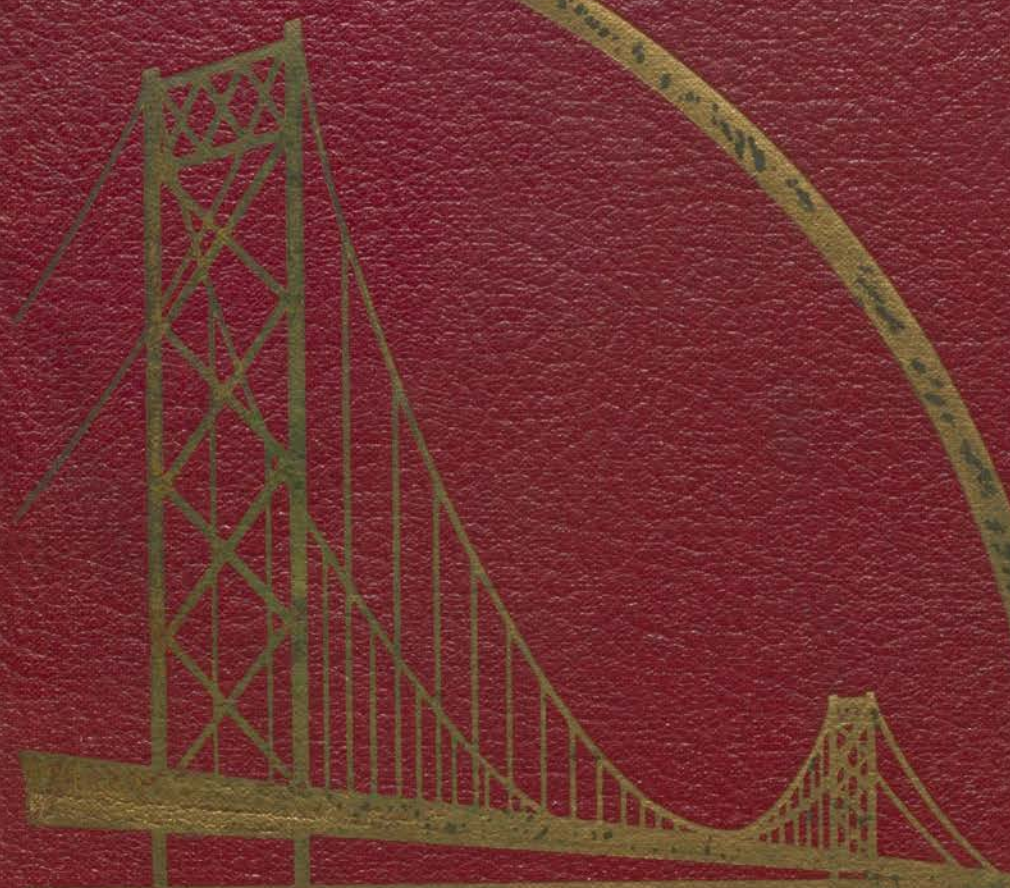
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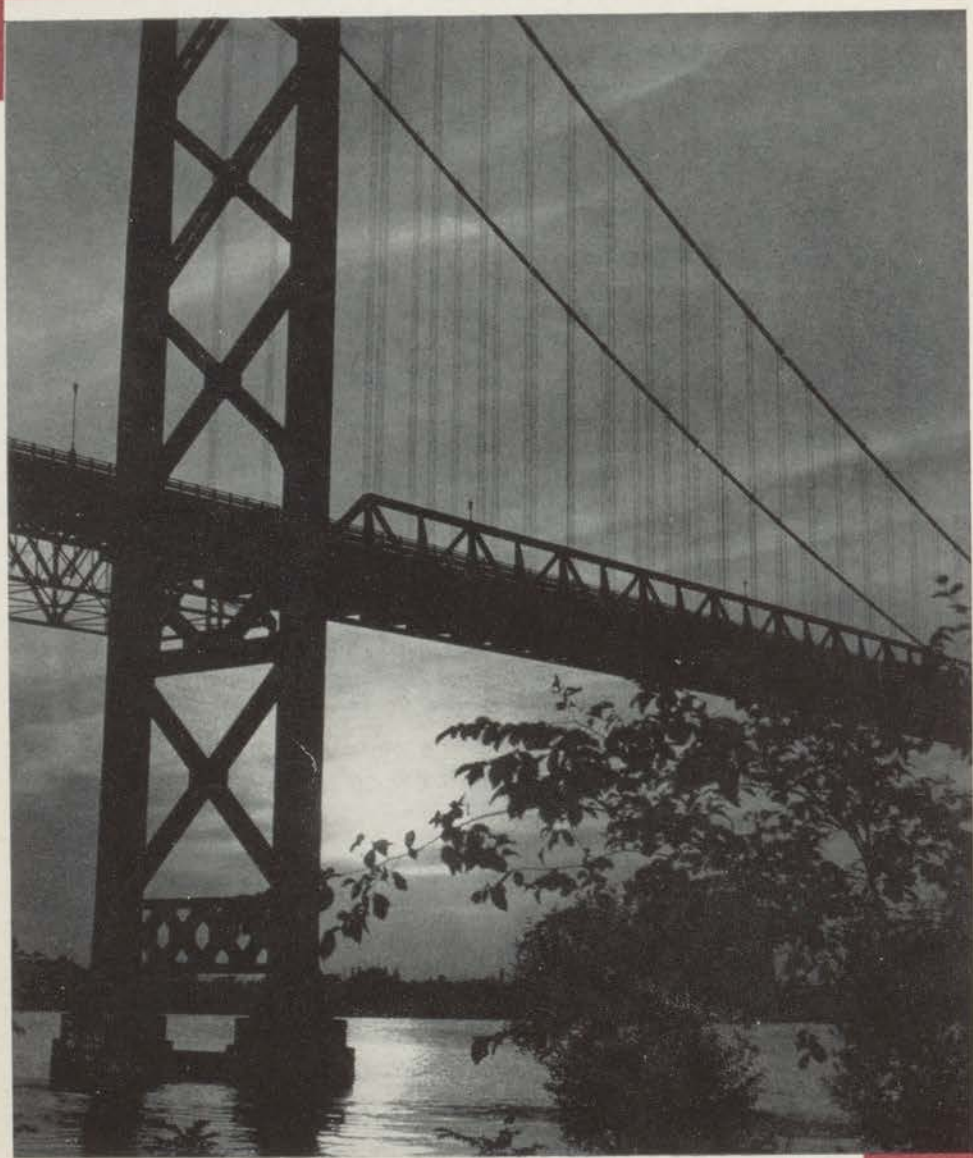
THE **AMBASSADOR** '40





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# WHERE

Pere Richard followed in the wake of the Huron canoes and Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac planted the first lilies of Anjou along the banks of the River Detroit, so the zealous Basilian Fathers followed two centuries later to establish their college on the Pointe Montreal. And in commemoration of this Seventieth Anniversary of "Old Assumption" we proudly present . . . . .







# THE **AMBASSADOR**



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# FOREWORD

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War--that ghastly, dreaded thing that holds the destinies of many peoples in balance, again has come to our shores. Great are the sacrifices which war in defence of the country demand and great is the vigilance of the Church in war time. Materialism and the denial of a living God annihilate conscience, break down the barriers to sensuality, so broadcast the seeds of moral death, and are fatal to liberty and social order. A people without belief in God and in a future life will not long remain free. For its own protection, the age of democracy must be an age of religion.

Old Assumption, sentinel of Catholic education, bulwark of Christianity in a world gone berserk, has lived through seven decades of war and peace, guiding her sons in the light of right reason and Christian truth. The Second World War is but an incentive for her to further intensify her teaching of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified; to further imbed the roots of Catholic dogma into the hearts and minds of her students; to teach them that war is a scourge to the civilized race; a state detrimental to life and liberty; a mass slaughter perpetrated by tyrants and dictators whose only religion is greed. Ah, seventy years have taught Assumption that peace is but a transitory thing. The days of war, she hopes are to pass away for good and arbitration will replace the sword. However in war or peace, she realizes that she must see to it that the religion of her students, future men of the world, suffers no diminution in vigour, sincerity and earnestness. May the 1940 Ambassador convey that spirit of Christian thought.



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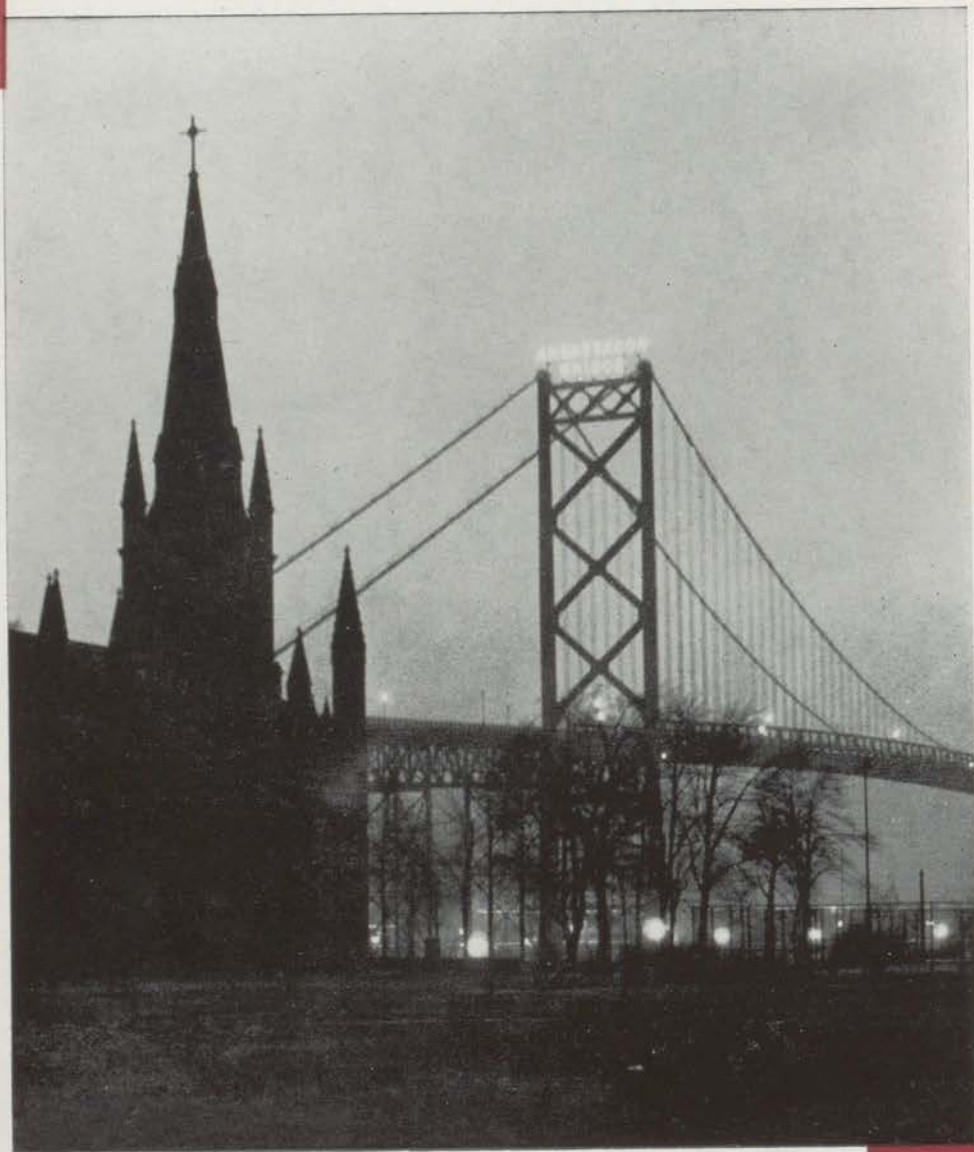
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# FOR AN IDEAL . . .

The Story of Assumption





■ PATRON OF THE BASILIAN FATHERS




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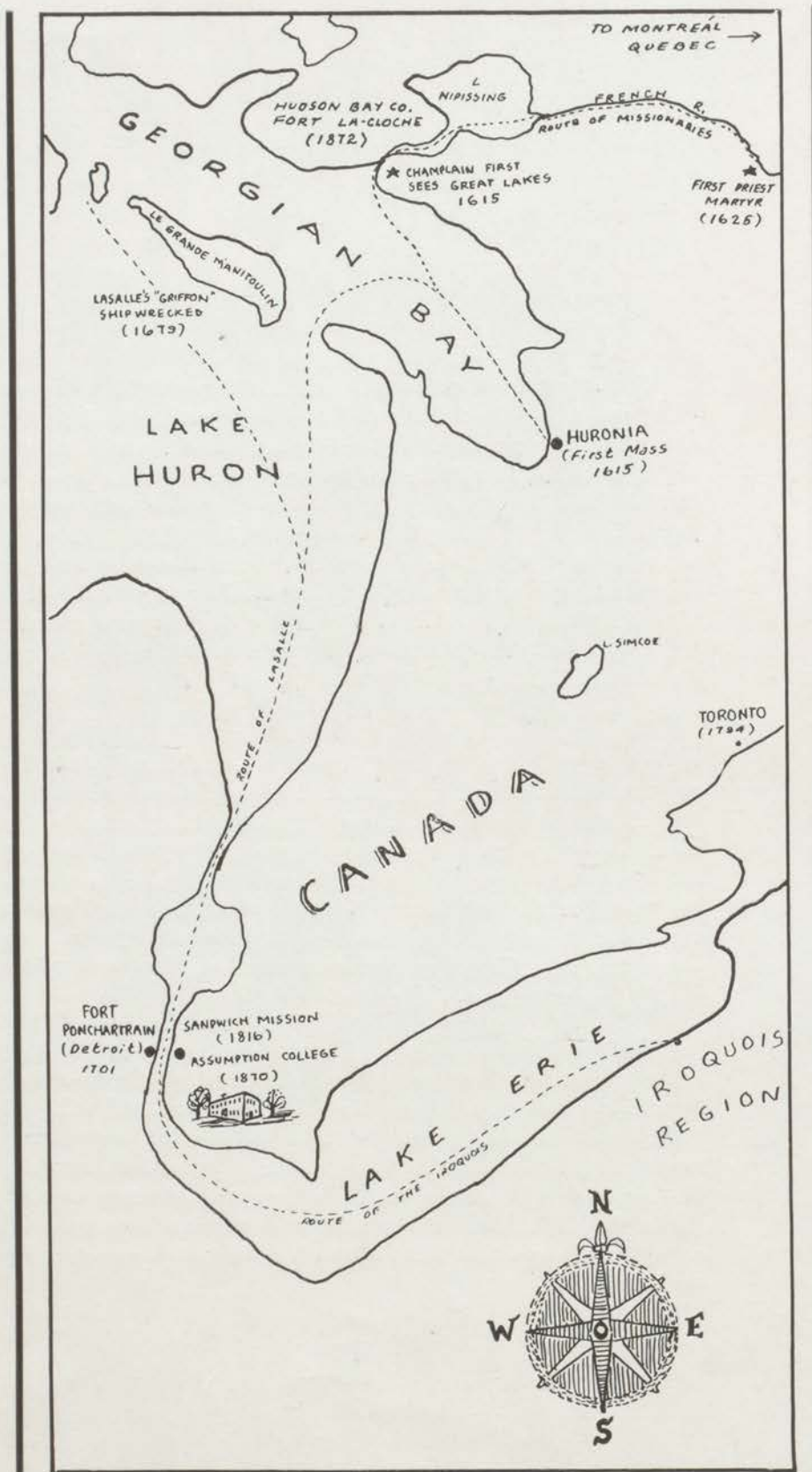
This is the story of heroism. By heroism it is meant that men were willing to be destitute; to live on rationed food supplies; to be devoid of the ordinary comforts of life and to carry on their work in spite of the seemingly insurmountable obstacles which constantly arose before them. It is the story of love — love for God and love for youth. The story of Assumption College is not merely the cataloging of facts and figures; it is a story of genuine human interest; of triumphs and failures; of hope and despair. Few of us can realize the early struggles, the trials, the heartbreaks, which were endured by the pioneer Basilians who established Assumption by striving, dreaming, building — for an ideal.

Undaunted by the fate of their predecessors in the attempt to establish a college in the heart of the Huron Mission District, the courageous Basilian Fathers set about the Herculean task of building an institution dedicated to the education of youth. That was their ideal. The early days were not easy ones and the limited financial resources at the disposal of the priests prevented them from advancing to any great extent. However, without murmur, as true Apostles of Christ, they went about their work — praying,—working,—working,—praying, until at length an ideal was realized — a dream came true like the flamboyant rays of the sun after a storm.

To-day "Old Assumption" stands as a beacon — a guiding light in the lives of some ten thousand men who have trod the boards of her classic corridors and have studied within her beneficent walls. All walks of life have her graduates embraced — doctor, lawyer, merchant, priest. Ah, well can their be great rejoicing on her Seventieth Birthday, and to the zealous men who have made Assumption what she is, to the Basilian Fathers with their profound learning, their sweeping vision and their Christ-like charity, this volume is respectfully dedicated.







■ LA POINTE DE MONTRÉAL AND VICINITY



# FOR AN IDEAL...

## ■ THE MISSIONARY PERIOD

Seven years after the founding of Quebec, Champlain endeavoured to secure missionaries for his newly established colony and in 1615 he was successful in obtaining three Franciscans whose duty it was to evangelize the district. One of the three missionaries, Father Joseph Le Caron by name, who was of strong character and possessed a bit of wanderlust, left the Quebec colony and journeyed to the Georgian Bay region. In those days this section was referred to as "Huronian", because of the tribe of Huron Indians who dwelt there.

Champlain had not long been in Quebec when a great uprising between the ruthless Iroquois of central New York and the Huron and Ottawa tribes of the lake region began. The Hurons were unlike other tribes who roamed about the countryside in nomad fashion. They made it a practise to remain settled in a definite locality and consequently the missionaries had easier access to them. The battles between the Iroquois and the Hurons raged for a great length of time and Father Le Caron proceeded to take the shortest route possible to Huronia in order to avoid meeting the Iroquois who came by canoe from Lake Erie, up the Detroit River and eventually in Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. Father Le Caron's canoe left Montreal by way of the Ottawa River which led him to Lake Nipissing. Then he braved the cataracts of the French River whose mouth began at the head of Georgian Bay. The Hurons welcomed him cordially and built for him a combination church and residence in which he carried on his work. It was on August 12, 1615, that the first Mass was celebrated in Huronia and Father Le Caron was the celebrant. He took things in an easy stride at first and made it a point to study the language and the customs of the people before proceeding to any actual teaching. The following spring he returned to Quebec to obtain auxiliaries.

It was not until 1623 that Father Le Caron returned to Huronia and with him on the second journey was Father Nicolas Viel. The two priests conducted the mission successfully until the summer of 1625 when a tragedy befell one of them. Father Viel set out for Quebec to replenish his supplies when two of his Indian guides drowned him near the outskirts of Montreal. Thus he became the first priest martyr of New France. It is easy to understand how great were the hardships of the missionary in this great frontier of Canada and how his life was constantly endangered by the frequent and ferocious attacks of the Iroquois.

Up to this time the Recollects of the Paris province (who were Franciscans but as members of a special observance within the order were referred to by this title) had been the only priests in the colony. They now realized the magnitude of the Indian mission field and their inability to till it unaided. Auxiliaries were needed and the choice fell upon the Jesuits who had assisted in the abortive attempts to colonize Canada before Champlain's successful venture, and who



were eager to resume their missionary activity. Accordingly, three Jesuits landed at Quebec in the summer of 1625 — Fathers Brebeuf, Lalement and Masse. The Huron mission was reopened in 1626.

The fact that Canada was restored in 1632 was due largely to the agitation for its retention as a mission field carried on by the Jesuits of France. Hence it is not surprising that Cardinal Richelieu placed its religious administration in their hands to the exclusion of the Recollects. In 1633 Fathers Brebeuf, Lalement and Davost took up their residence in Huronia. Slowly and patiently, they and succeeding missionaries built up that fervent Catholic community described in the Jesuit Relations. In some of the villages religious life went on with all the observances and regularity of a modern parish. The names Huron and Christian became practically synonymous.

The Huron mission endured for seventeen years, or until it was battered down in an orgy of murder and destruction by the Iroquois. Five of its missionaries, Fathers Brebeuf, Daniel, Lalement, Garnier, and Chabonel were slain. In 1930 the Church solemnly placed their names on the catalogue of her saints. After the attack, the terror-stricken Hurons fled for their lives to the remote reaches of the lake region and as far west as the Mississippi. For a decade no missionary dared venture west of Lake Ontario.

The result of the "scattering of the Huron" led to the establishment of a mission on La Pointe de Montreal or the bend of the river where the town of Sandwich now stands and which later was to be the site of Assumption College. It was here that Father Armand de la Richardie, one of the last Jesuit missionaries of the west, came from Detroit in 1728 to care for the Hurons. At this time, the districts of Fort Pontchartrain (Detroit) and the vicinity of the other side of the river were under the same flag and the spiritual needs for the Hurons were obtained from Pontchartrain. Pere Richardie established the mission and later turned its administration over to his assistant, Father Potier, who spent almost forty years of devoted service to this last remnant of the Jesuit missions. In 1767 the mission l'Assomption, the name which Pere Richardie had given it, was raised to the dignity of a parish. A few years later Father Potier died and the years following his death saw many arrivals and departures of priests who had been appointed to the parish.

#### ■ THE MODERN PERIOD

The arrival of Father Crevier in 1816 meant the beginning of vast changes in the primitive parish. The Jesuits had left and the parish was under diocesan supervision. Father Crevier, who was a secular priest, saw the urgent need of supplying a means of education for the many Indian children in the district and at his invitation the Grey nuns came to take charge of his school. Father Crevier was a man of great strength and ability. He, as did his predecessors, began



■ SANDWICH MISSION HOUSE — 1847



his school for an ideal — the education of youth. He entertained fond hopes that some day it would reach a college status. However, because of his lack of funds, his plans failed. The school closed. The Grey Nuns departed.

The Jesuit Fathers returned to the Sandwich scene in 1843. Father Point, S.J., was appointed head of the parish and, like Father Crevier, he fully realized that steps had to be taken in order to provide educational facilities for the children. Subsequently elementary schools were opened in various parts of the parish. Later the Ladies of the Sacred Heart were brought in to conduct a higher school for girls and in 1857 it was decided to open a Catholic college for men. The Jesuits, true to their ideals of education, began the construction of the first building to bear the name Assumption College and it was in September, 1857, that the college was formally opened. The building was three stories high with chapel, faculty quarters and dining hall on the first floor, four classrooms on the second, and one large dormitory on the third floor.

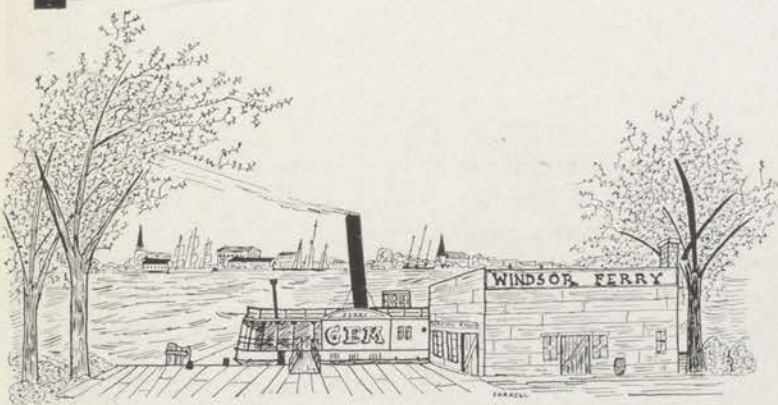
The year following the opening of Assumption College, Sandwich was incorporated as a town (January 1, 1858). The original limits of the municipality of the Township of Sandwich formed a quarter circle running north and west from a given point for a distance of twelve miles to Lake St. Clair on the one hand and the Detroit River on the other. These two bodies of water formed the northwest and western boundaries. From the original formation of a township, it remained as the Township of Sandwich until the year 1854 when Windsor was set off as a separate municipality under a village charter. After being incor-

porated as a town its limits were narrowed to about 2,600 acres.

To the present-day student the name Sandwich is confusing since the town was amalgamated, by a special act of the Ontario Legislature, with Windsor in 1935. The old town of Sandwich where the college is located is now a part of Greater Windsor. Walkerville, Riverside, Windsor and Sandwich, known collectively as the Border Cities, were all at one time separate municipalities. In recent years, however, they have all been taken in by Windsor, largest of the four. The municipal history of Sandwich begins with the year 1858. The town was situated in the midst of a fine and well settled agricultural country on the Detroit River. Many beautiful residences and long rows of magnificent shade trees lined the principal streets. It was at this time one of the most picturesque spots on the river.

The college building was located on the Huron Line in the midst of a veritable forest. The building was soundly constructed and still stands to-day after eighty-three years of continuous use. It was a strange thing, but fate was unkind to the Jesuits in their labours and, after two years of fruitless effort, they gave up their unsuccessful work and left the shores of Sandwich never to return.

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■ DETROIT RIVERFRONT IN 1965





■ ASSUMPTION COLLEGE — 1857

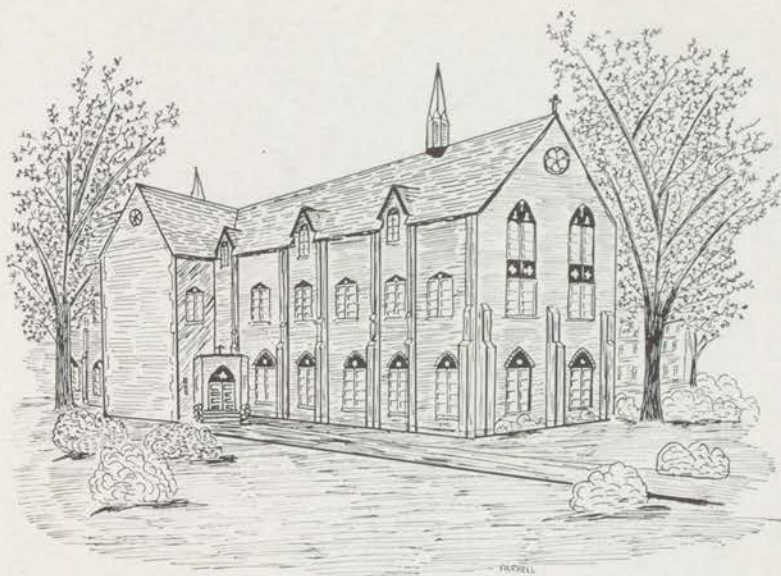
The ensuing years in the life of the ill-fated college were irregular ones. The Benedictine Fathers and the Basilian Fathers succeeded the Jesuits and later left because the school did not provide sufficient revenue for their support. At length, Mr. Theodule Girardot, a prominent Catholic business man of Sandwich, attempted to conduct the college. At first it was thought that his venture was successful. He hired many of the finest teachers then available in Canada and offered an extensive array of courses. Mr. Girardot abandoned the school after five years of useless toil. There was not enough money. There was no support. It was believed then that Assumption had sung its swan song.

#### ■ THE FENIAN RAIDS

For several years the building remained idle. The windows had been boarded up and its appearance was gruesome. Some of the more imaginative minds in the town of Sandwich went so far as to say that it was "haunted".

After the outbreak of the first Fenian Raids in 1866, the excitement in Canada was feverish. Now, the Fenians were a group of Irish political refugees. Their object was to secure the independence of Ireland and to show their vengeance for Great Britain they began a series of attacks on Canada from the United States. They were a group of radicals and were condemned by both American and Canadian bishops and the movement was gradually suppressed. The excitement was great in the Sandwich district and in the summer of 1865 a Sandwich company of soldiers was organized for active service. The old brick college on the Huron Line was used at different times as a barracks by the Port Hope Infantry with Regimental Band. The boards were taken from the windows and the Assumption College





■ FIRST ADMINISTRATION WING — 1875

building again became the scene of vigorous activity, this time in a military manner.

As might be imagined, activity was at fever heat. All the townspeople armed themselves and were ready for action. Shotguns, pistols, axes, pitchforks, scythes and even clubs were pressed into service and Sandwich crouched for the first attack of the enemy. The power of the Fenians was magnified by rumour and consequently there never was any serious trouble. There were a few instances of danger, but they were slight. For example, a ferry boat loaded with passengers left Detroit for Sandwich and a report received on the Canadian side declared the boat to be carrying Fenians. The ship was not allowed to dock and it returned to Detroit. It was carrying only excursionists, but the townspeople of Sandwich were taking every possible precaution against invasion.

In 1870 some small bands of Fenians molested Quebec from Vermont to Maine but were repulsed by the militia. Soon after the Quebec invasion the Fenian Raids, as they were called, died out and all danger of invasion was over. The Canadian people were overjoyed and the little town of Sandwich put away her arms and settled down to peaceful living once again. The troops withdrew from the college building and thus ended the military career of Assumption.

#### ■ A COLLEGE IS RE-BORN

1870 was a memorable year. The Fenian danger had ceased. Troops were withdrawn from the Sandwich "barracks" and the following spring the Basilian Fathers of Toronto arrived to conduct what was some day to become the leading Catholic Men's College of Ontario. At the request of the Right Reverend John Walsh, D.D., Bishop of Sandwich, the Congregation of St. Basil sent Father Denis O'Connor, C.S.B., to direct the new Assumption College. He had



■ RT. REV. DENIS O'CONNOR, C.S.B., LL.D.

Superior 1870-1888

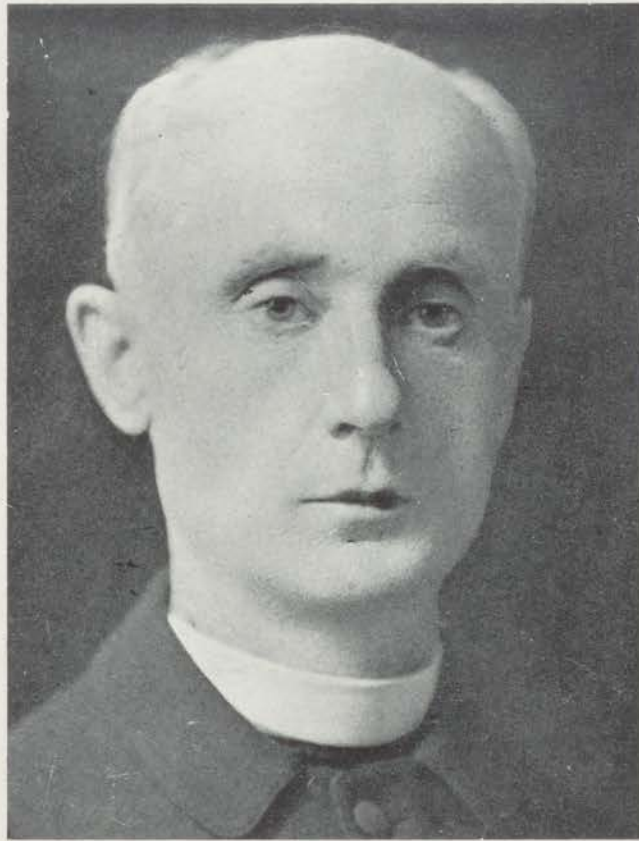
with him as assistants: Reverend R. McBrady, C.S.B., Reverend Bart O'Connell, Reverend John Scanlan, Mr. John Quinlan, Mr. St. Vincent and Mr. James Mannix.

The prospect was not very promising. One of the very first acts of the new Province of Ontario after the Confederation had been the abolition of the old Upper Canada Superior Education Fund. A legislation such as this did not allow an annual grant from the government. Therefore the only money that Father O'Connor had to begin his new venture with was \$300.00.

The Basilians set to work in order to open the college in the fall. The floors were scrubbed. Woodwork was painted and the windows were washed. The front yard on the Huron Line was made more presentable and in September the old brick building was thrown open to the eager shouts of youthful voices and the measured tread of marching feet. There were fifty-eight students and with them Assumption began her permanent career—a long and glorious one.

Father O'Connor was superior, registrar and teacher the first year. He was a big man with strong features. He had heavy bushy brows that almost obscured his sharp blue eyes. He was a rigid disciplinarian and as a teacher he was most exacting. His direction





■ VERY REV. D. CUSHING, C.S.B., LL.D.

Superior 1888-1901

of the school was based on system. Students, teachers, every line of work moved like a perfect piece of machinery. He was admired as he was obeyed and in time of need all found him to be kind and sympathetic.

The early days of the college were difficult ones. The first student was required to bring his own mattress and bedding in addition to his regular wearing apparel. The faculty furnished only the bedstead and washstand. Water was obtained from a pump out in the yard.

The students were sufficiently numerous to engage the energies of the small staff, especially as they were widely different in their mental attainments. The work was carried on in good earnest from the outset, and the Superior's energy and ability gave it such an impetus that the first student had most of the educational advantages of a well organized school.

On the other hand, the material economy of the college was far short of the standard required even in those days of high prices, and many are the stories told by the survivors — "survivors" seems to be the proper word — of the early days, of hardship endured for the sake of education.



■ VERY REV. R. W. McBRADY, C.S.B.

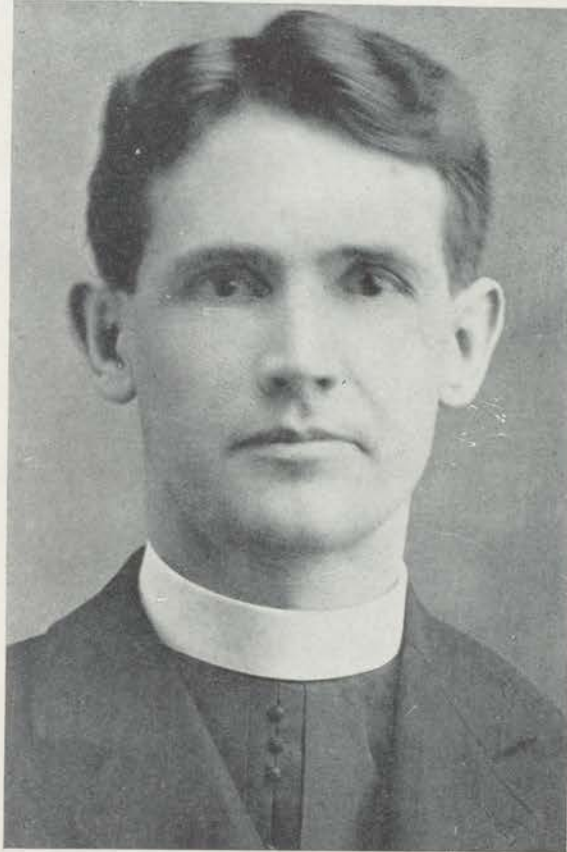
Superior 1901-1907

The next year a second building was erected which served as a study hall and play room. It was an ugly looking thing and later gained the name of "The Old Shed". However, who are we to cast aspersions on so worthy an old building? In 1875 the original structure was found inadequate for the increased attendance and plans were made for a new building that was elaborate for those days. It was out of the question to construct the entire plant at once, so it was decided to put up the first wing. This was built adjacent to the original structure. The chapel was on the first half of the second floor and a study hall was on the first floor. Sleeping accommodations were increased with two large dormitories on the third floor.

The new building was filled the first day it opened, the total registration being 131. The staff had also been increased and full courses in all departments including Philosophy were successfully conducted. Early in the 80's the attendance had reached one hundred and sixty and larger buildings were imperative. Father O'Connor began the task of raising funds for the erection of what is now the Administration Building. The original plans for the building were somewhat altered and in 1884 the building was completed. Offices, reception rooms, the priests' cloister, the dining hall and servants' quarters were contained in the formidable structure.

In 1888 Father O'Connor was removed from the institution which





■ VERY REV. F. FORSTER, C.S.B.

Superior 1907-1919

he had founded and the Holy See conferred the Degree of Doctor of Divinity on him the same year. Two years later he was appointed Bishop of London and nine years after that new honours and new responsibilities were thrust on him when he was solemnly installed as Archbishop of Toronto, his native city, on May 3, 1899.

The next superior was Very Reverend D. Cushing, C.S.B., LL.D., and in 1888 the enrollment had passed the two hundred mark for the first time in the history of the college. Assumption College grew and prospered year by year. It was during Father McBrady's regime from 1901-1907 that a great many improvements and changes were made. Large gas lights were placed in the study hall and a new chapel was begun and carried to completion. It was 117 feet long with a cross nave of 65 feet and giving accommodation for 350. With the construction of the chapel, Assumption's first great building of three units was completed.

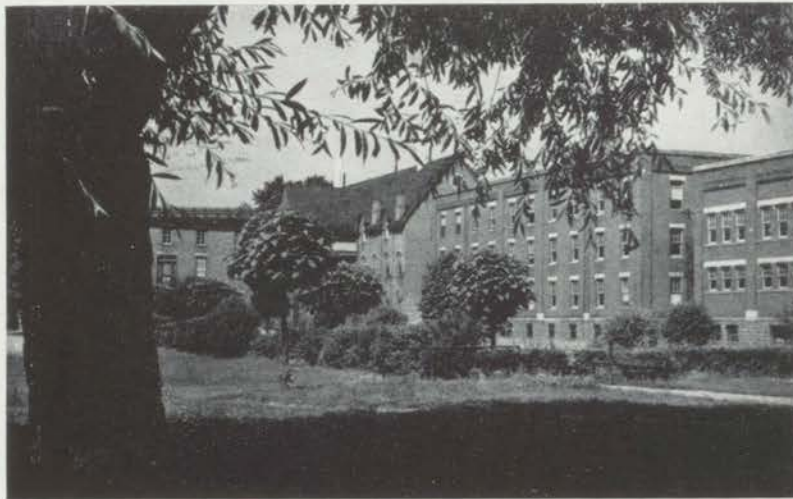
■ "TEACH ME GOODNESS, DISCIPLINE AND KNOWLEDGE"

Student life in those days was much more severe than it is now. In the 1902-03 catalogue there is a page entitled "Discipline". The following excerpts might prove interesting as well as amusing to the reader:

"No student shall leave the College Yard without permission."

"The use of tobacco is strictly forbidden."





■ ST. MICHAEL'S HALL ON THE LITTLE WALK

"Day scholars are not allowed to take out letters or to perform errands of any kind for the boarders."

"Incorrigible sloth or giddiness will not be tolerated."

"Boxes of eatables sent from home are not encouraged by the faculty."

On another page there is a list of requirements. One of the most amusing is this one: "No uniform is required, but the students should have one dark suit for Sundays and holidays, six towels, two nightdresses, a dozen handkerchiefs, six pairs of stockings, two pairs of shoes and one pair of rubbers."

The Classical course at Assumption embraced seven years. The first three years were academic, designated, First, Second, and Third Academic, and prepared the student for the course in Arts, occupying four years, and designated, Belles Lettres, Rhetoric, Junior and Senior. The classics and literature were made the basis of classification.

When Father Forster, C.S.B., assumed administration of the school he felt the crying need for more adequate accommodations and in 1915 St. Michael's Hall, the student's residence, was completed and adjoining it was the new gymnasium. With the addition of these buildings, Assumption was nearing the pinnacle of her career.

In 1919 she joined the ranks of the leading colleges of Canada when she became affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. With this we close the most colourful period in her history from 1870 to 1919. There was constant advancement in methods, manners and modes. The college was growing and the Basilian Fathers as they worked were still keeping in mind the thought — it was all for an ideal.





■ UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

## A NEW ERA

After the affiliation of Assumption College with the University of Western Ontario, the college entered a new era. There was a complete transition from the old to the new. Under the affiliation students were able to proceed to their university degrees under the auspices of Western University. Accordingly the scholastic standing and entrance requirements of the college were raised considerably. For those not familiar with the Canadian system of higher education it might be well to explain what is meant by affiliation and how Assumption fits in with Western, so to speak. First of all, the University of Western Ontario has its headquarters in London, Ontario, being incorporated in 1878. It is composed of three units known as the Faculty of Arts (University College), the Medical School, and the Institute of Public Health; affiliated with the University are three colleges teaching four-year Arts courses, viz., Assumption College, Windsor, largest of all affiliates; Ursuline College, London; Waterloo College, Waterloo; one Junior college, Alma College, St. Thomas; and one theological college, Huron College, London. St. Peter's Seminary, London, is also associated with Western and Holy Names College, Windsor, is affiliated with Western through Assumption. The affiliation simply means that the Faculties in Western's family of colleges consult together on curricula, examinations and other matters. In other words, these colleges are called collectively the University of Western Ontario.



■ VERY REV. D. L. DILLON, C.S.B.

Superior 1922-1928

Father D. L. Dillon, C.S.B., became superior of Assumption in 1922. He was a man of keen foresight and under him plans were made for the magnificent Arts Building which was constructed at a cost of \$300,000.00. As it stands to-day facing Patricia Road it is 65 feet in width and 224 feet in length. It includes twenty-four lecture rooms, seven science laboratories, three study halls, a cafeteria, offices and the library which houses 10,000 volumes. The building, which was the crowning achievement of Father Dillon's regime, was completed in 1927.

What Archbishop O'Connor was to the College in the '80's Father Dillon was in the '20's. The most extensive building programme Assumption has ever known was during his administration. The servants' quarters and handball alleys were built by him as well as the complete remodelling of the older buildings. All credit for this





■ VERY REV. V. L. KENNEDY, C.S.B.

Superior 1928-1934

marvellous work is due Father Dillon, a man with progressive ideas and sweeping vision.

Father Dillon was replaced by Father V. L. Kennedy in 1928 and in 1932 Very Reverend Father T. A. MacDonald was appointed superior and the title of the office was changed to President. Under Father MacDonald the school was lifted from the snares it had become entangled in as a result of the depression. Now the college is about to enter another new era. There is an urgent need for new and larger buildings and the next few years will see the construction of them. The possible separation of the College Department from the high school is being looked forward to in the not too far distant future and soon Assumption College will become one of the largest and one of the greatest Catholic Liberal Arts colleges in the Dominion of Canada.

Assumption is a wonderful old college endowed with a rich heritage of seventy years spent in the interest of youth. She has guided them morally, spiritually, and intellectually.

Although her humblest beginnings and some parts of her history are drab there is no more transcendently exquisite acquisition of glory or glamour that can even remotely compare with the solid principles upon which she was founded. Seventy years ago a small band of Basilians united to strive for an ideal — the training of the Catholic youth. The Basilian Fathers of to-day have remained true to the ideals of their predecessors, those gallant pioneers who founded a college on La Pointe de Montreal.

RICHARD D. FARRELL.

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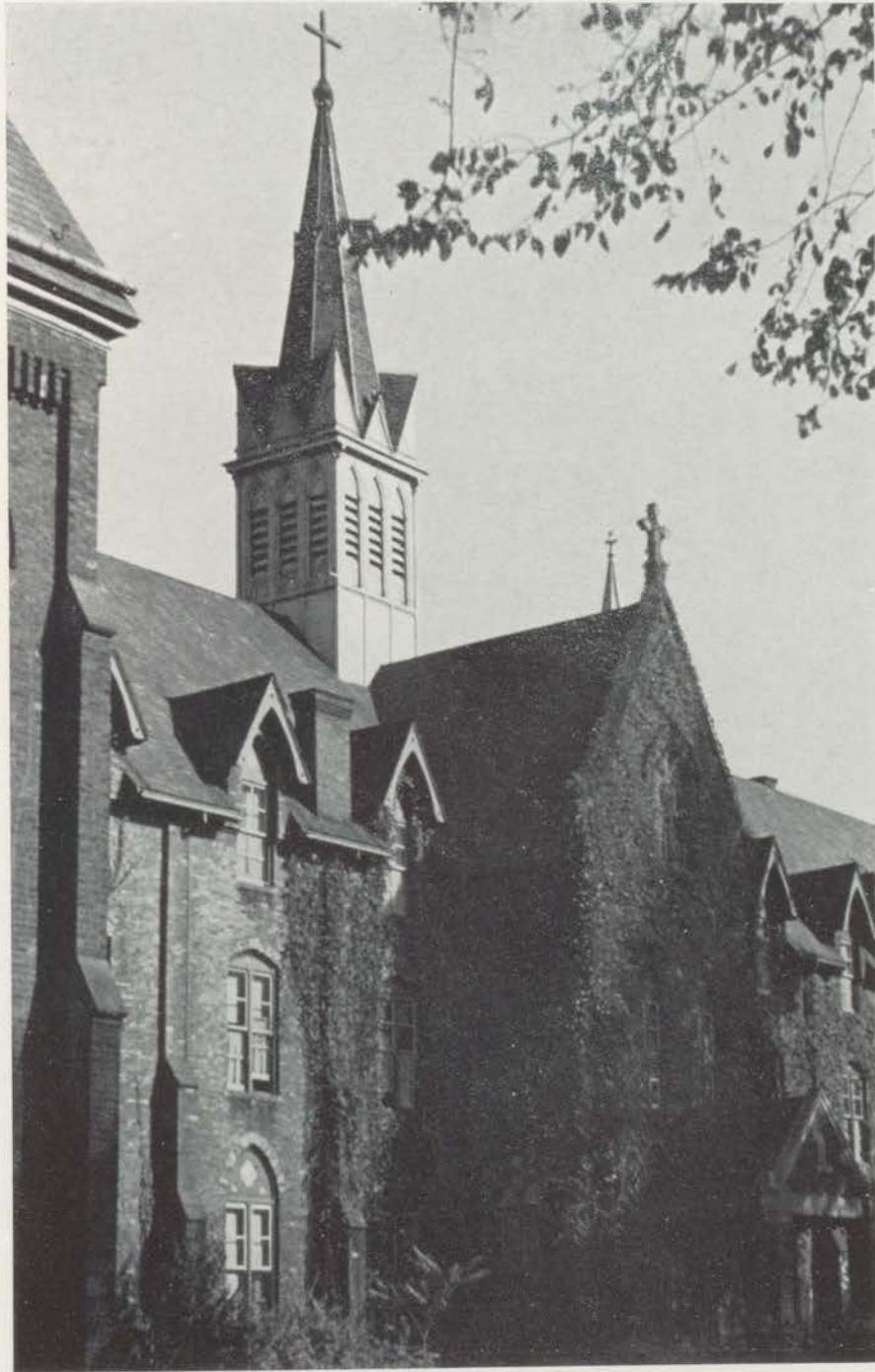


■ — and it shall be called  
the Court of God and the  
gate of heaven.

## ■ THE CHURCH

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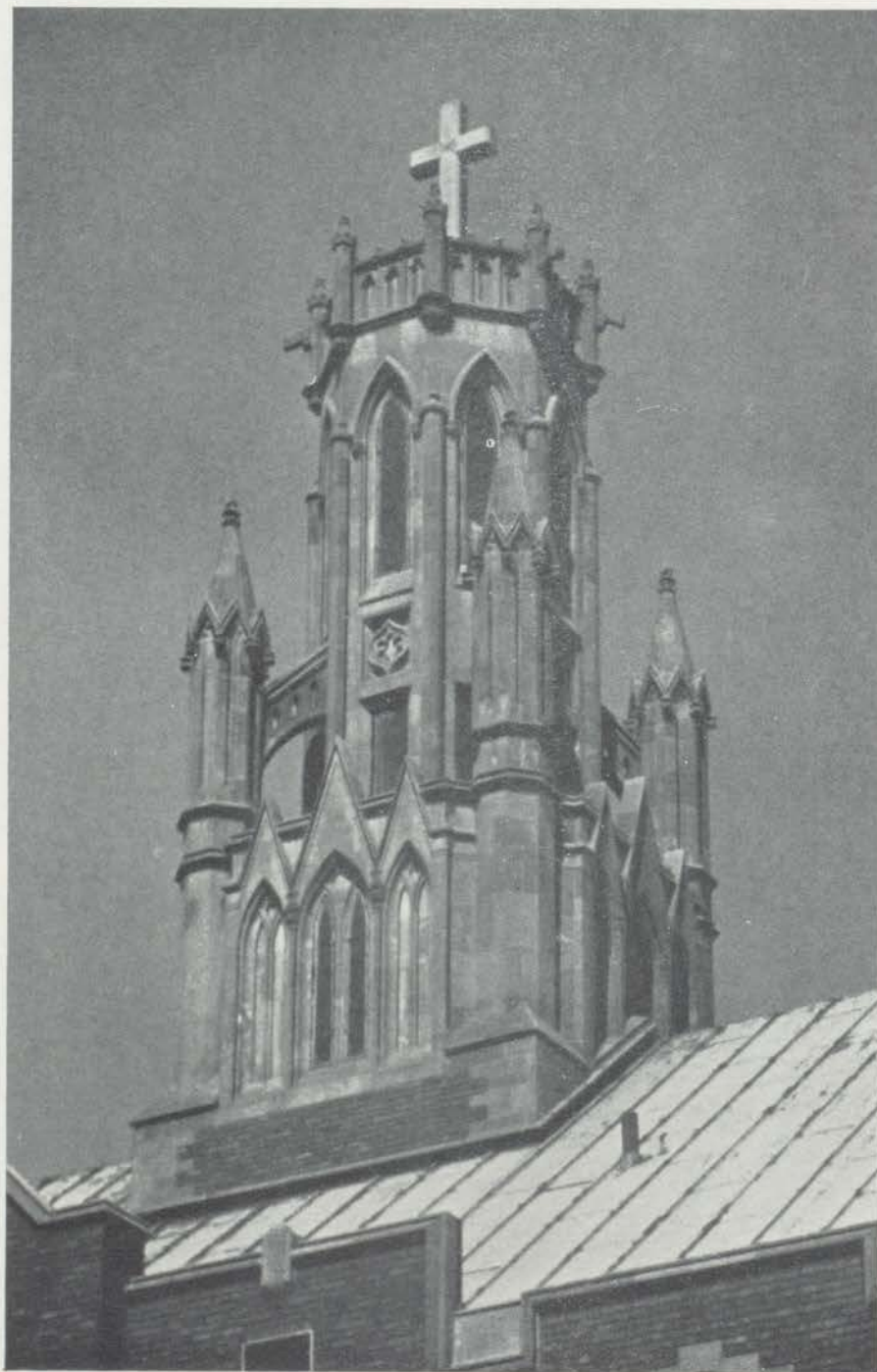




■ The walls must bear the weather stain before they wear the ivy.

# ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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■ A beacon, a guiding light  
in the lives of her students,  
the cross of Assumption.

## ■ ARTS TOWER

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■ Where knowledge is power  
and books lighthouses in  
the great sea of time.

## ■ THE ARTS BUILDING

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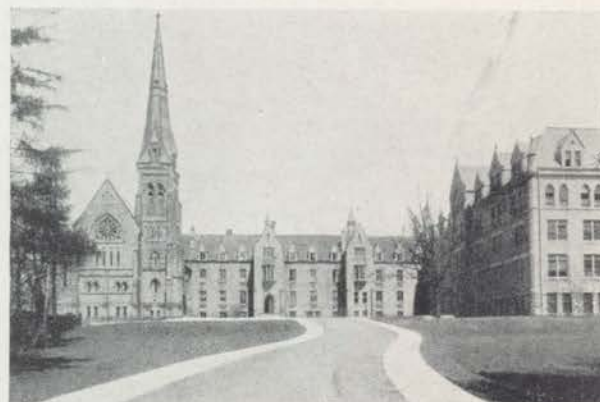
*Teach me high thought and amiable words  
and courtliness and the desire of fame and love  
and truth and all that makes a man.*

—Tennyson (*Idylls of the King*).

Towards the end of that era in French history when the blood of France's fairest covered the land with a red blanket and a blind-folded liberty was led about in a halter there was established in the obscure little village of St. Symphorien de Mahun, a school, the forerunner of the now-famous Basilian educational institutions. For several years Monsignor d'Aviau, last archbishop of Vienne, had watched the ranks of his clergy slowly being depleted by the anti-clerical mob rule of the First Republic, until in 1800 only about one-third remained. To maintain a seminary or college was an impossibility since the French conscription laws against priests were still being enforced. But the bishop realized that a school of some sort was an absolute necessity. Thus it was to St. Symphorien, hidden in the mountainous district surrounding the city of Lyons, that he turned. Access to this remote spot was by a single road and in case of raids by soldiers of the Directory the village could be easily evacuated. To the care of Father Happierre, who had successfully tended his flock during the dark days of the Reign of Terror, was entrusted the guidance of the new institution. He had as his assistant Father Marie Joseph Actorie, professor of philosophy in the seminary of Dir, before the Revolution.

Despite its humble origin and the many dangers to which it was subjected the little institution prospered. And when, in 1801, a couple of years after the memorable coup d'etat of the little Corsican, the anti-clerical laws were repealed, it was no longer necessary for the teachers to remain in hiding. A Franciscan monastery was leased from the municipal authorities in the town of Annonay and the school was transferred there. So rapid was its growth that the original building was soon found to be inadequate. Nobleman and peasant studied there alike. But as the years passed and the man-power and resources of the country were drained by constant warfare the enrollment at Annonay began to dwindle. This,

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■ THE MOTHER-HOUSE — St. Michael's College, Toronto



■ NEW BUILDINGS — St. Michael's College, Toronto





■ THE NOVITIATE — Toronto, Ontario

together with the persecution of so-called liberals, was finally threatening to be too much for those in charge. Some new expedient was absolutely necessary.

Through the untiring efforts of Father Picausel, the Vicar-General, who realized that dissatisfaction on the part of the professors would mean the abandonment of all that they had striven for, the faculty of the institution banded themselves together into a religious community with the college at Annonay as the mother-house. The necessary permission was granted by the Bishop of Mende, and on November 21, 1822, the ten priests who then comprised the teaching staff took vows which bound them to their work and to each other. The community became known as the Society of Teaching Priests of Ardeche, which was later changed to the Congregation of St. Basil — the name being derived from St. Basil's Parish in Annonay.

In 1837 the Congregation drew up its constitution which was sent to Rome for approval. By this constitution the members of the society were subject to the simple vows of obedience, chastity, stability and a mild vow of poverty — each priest being able to retain his property and Mass stipends. The community was under the guidance of a Superior-General, the first being the aged Father Happierre. He resided at Annonay. The aim of this new congregation was the education of Catholic youth, particularly of those who wished to go on for the priesthood. The congregation had the approval of numerous French bishops who realized the important part the Basilians were playing in the field of education. The Holy See saw fit to declare the society worthy of praise and during the Pontificate of Pius IX approved the constitution.



■ THE SEMINARY — Toronto, Ontario

In 1850 there comes a turning point in the history of the congregation. There was appointed by Pius IX, as Bishop of Toronto, Monsignor de Charbonnel. The new bishop, who was a graduate of the Basilian college at Annonay, asked that a member of the Congregation of St. Basil might accompany him to his new diocese to aid in the work of the missions. His request being granted, he chose Father Maloney to accompany him. Father Maloney had joined the Congregation as a teacher of English, after having studied at the Irish Seminary in Paris. In 1852, two years later, two more priests, Fathers Soulerin and Malbosse, together with a young man as yet unordained, M. Vincent, joined Father Maloney in Toronto.

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To these young men was entrusted the task of preparing future priests and in order to fulfil this purpose, on September 15, 1852, St. Michael's College was founded. Instruction was carried on in a wing of St. Michael's Palace, the episcopal residence. In 1855 the cornerstone of the present building was laid on land adjacent to that set apart for the University of Toronto.

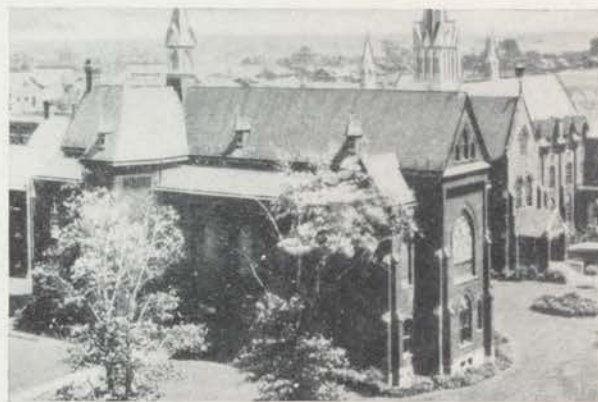
The first Superior of St. Michael's College was Father Soulerin who, after twelve years of devoted services, was recalled to France to succeed Father Tourville as third Superior-General of the Congregation. Father Vincent succeeded as Superior of St. Michael's College and acted as American Provincial. In 1910 St. Michael's became an Arts college in the University of Toronto on an equal footing with Trinity and Victoria Colleges. Since the very outset St. Michael's College has had a leading role in the development of Catholic thought on both sides of the international boundary. Many priests in the States of New York and Pennsylvania, as well as in Ontario, claim St. Michael's as their alma mater.

From 1910 the College has made a special effort to build up a strong course in scholastic philosophy by attracting to the staff universally renowned scholars. The fulfilment of this ambition was realized with the establishment of the Institute of Mediaeval Studies. This was founded in 1929 under the direction of Etienne Gilson of the College de France, assisted by Jacques Maritain, a leading authority on the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas.

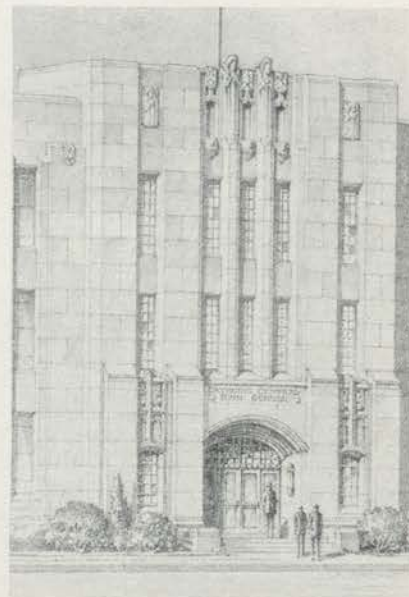
In the meantime it had become obvious to the authorities as early as 1870 that one college could not take care of all students in such a vast area. Accordingly, the Bishop of London asked that a college might be founded at Sandwich, in his diocese. Therefore, Father Dennis O'Connor and four others were sent there and we have the beginnings of Assumption College. What St. Michael's is to Eastern Ontario, New York and Pennsylvania, Assumption is to Western Ontario, Michigan and Ohio. Originally a mission school dealing with settlers and Indians, the college gradually became a preparatory seminary for the dioceses of London and Detroit.

Besides these two institutions of higher learning the Basilians also conduct several other schools in both Canada and the United States. One of these is in Texas—St. Thomas' College, Houston; two are in Western Canada, St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, Sask., and St. Mary's

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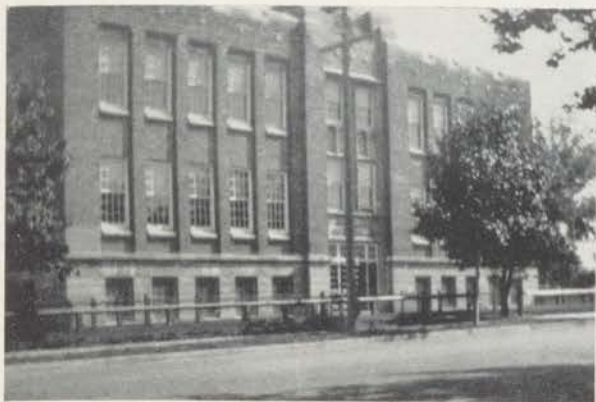


■ ASSUMPTION COLLEGE — Windsor, Ontario



■ CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL  
Detroit, Michigan





■ ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL — Calgary, Alta.

that at various times the Basilians have also maintained institutions no longer operating, at Portsmouth, England; Algiers, St. Louis, Ohio; Waco, Texas; La Porte, Texas, and Chatham, New Brunswick.

Once more we turn to France. It is the year 1902. The Third Republic has banished all Religious Orders from France and has confiscated their property. The Basilians are among those to be affected by this edict. The members of the community were forced to disband and teach in various schools. In the years following, a marked divergence of aims and methods began to appear as between the French and North American provinces of the Congregation because of their different environments. An adjustment was finally made in 1921 when, acting upon a petition sent by the French Province, the Holy See authorized the Basilians in America to organize a distinct religious society. In 1922 a general meeting was called by the Provincial, Father Forster, of all the leading members of the Congregation in North America, and it was decided to act upon the suggestions of the Basilians in France.

Thus, in 1922, on the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Congregation of St. Basil, there sprang forth from the blood of the old a new and entirely distinct society, which in spite of the divorce between the two, still retained a bond of spiritual aid and fraternal love with the old. Father Forster, American Provincial at the time of the break, was elected Superior-General of the new Congregation. It was due to his zeal that the vow of poverty now taken by all Basilians was introduced. He realized that the vow

previously in existence was not in accordance with Canon Law. In the same year that the rift occurred between the Congregation in the Old World and that in the New the revised vow of poverty was introduced. All those who felt that the new vow was too drastic were released by Rome. Father Forster died in 1929. He was succeeded by Father Carr, a very able and energetic man who has done all in his power "to promote true education in its highest sense."

The Basilian Fathers can well be proud of the part that they have played in fostering Catholic education on the American continent. Within a comparatively short period of time they have, by dint of much hard work and sacrifice, built up colleges and schools which are second to none. It is with a great deal of pride that they can point to their motto: "Bonitatem, Disciplinam, Scientiam Doce Me", knowing full well that they have done all in their power to advance the ideals of true Catholic education.

ROBERT J. HANDY.

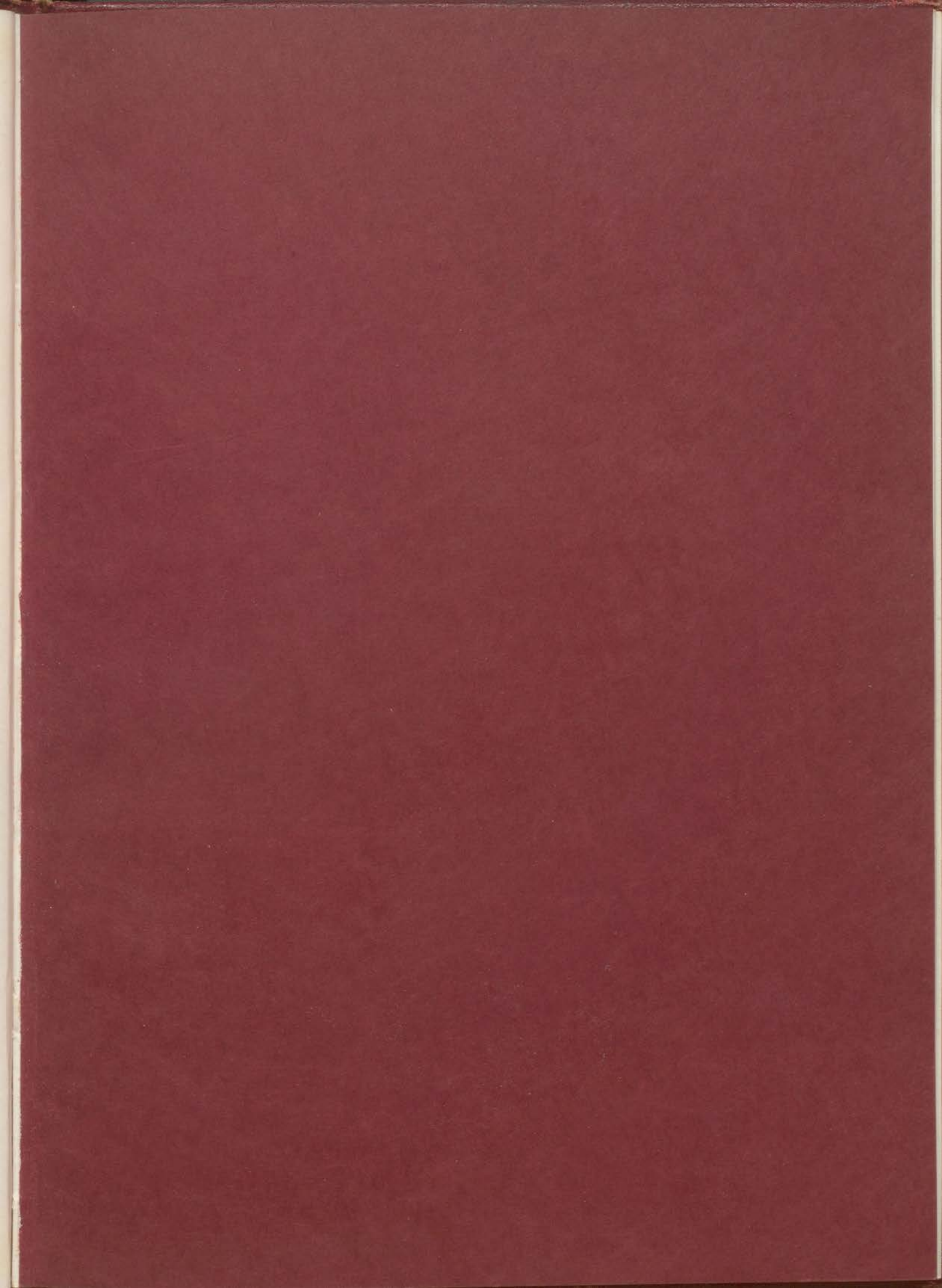
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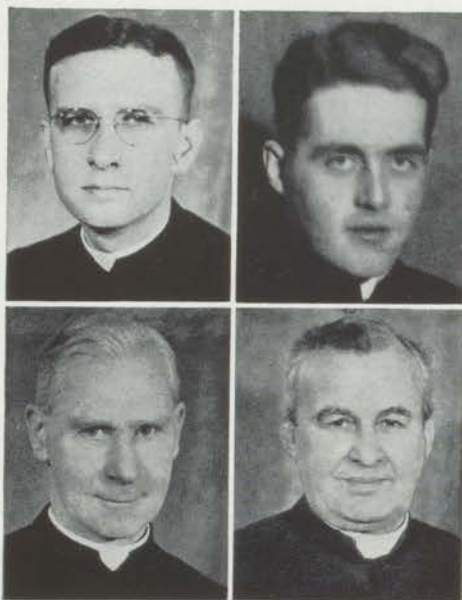
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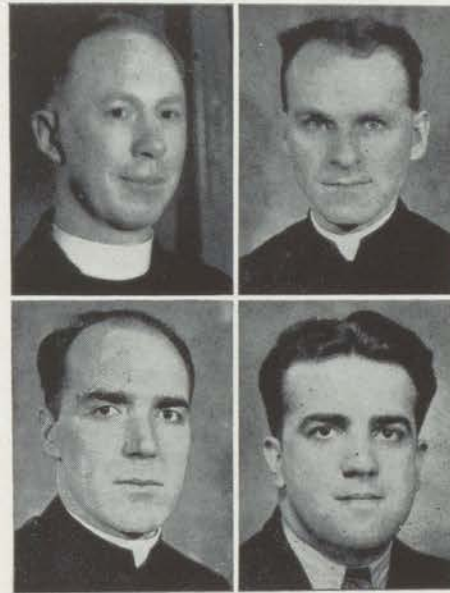
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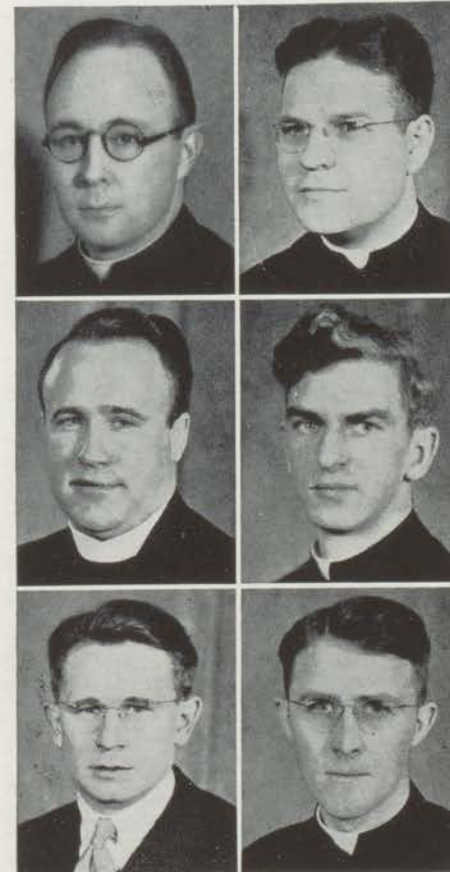
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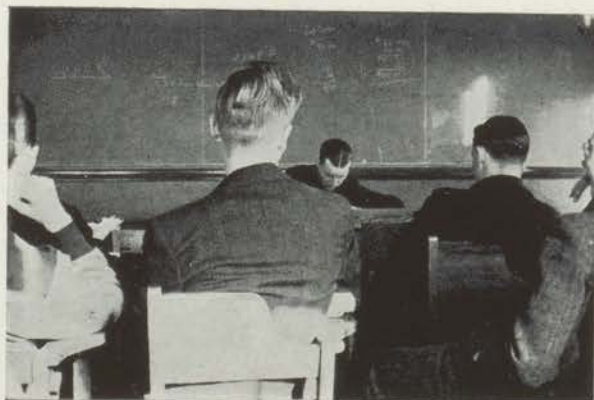
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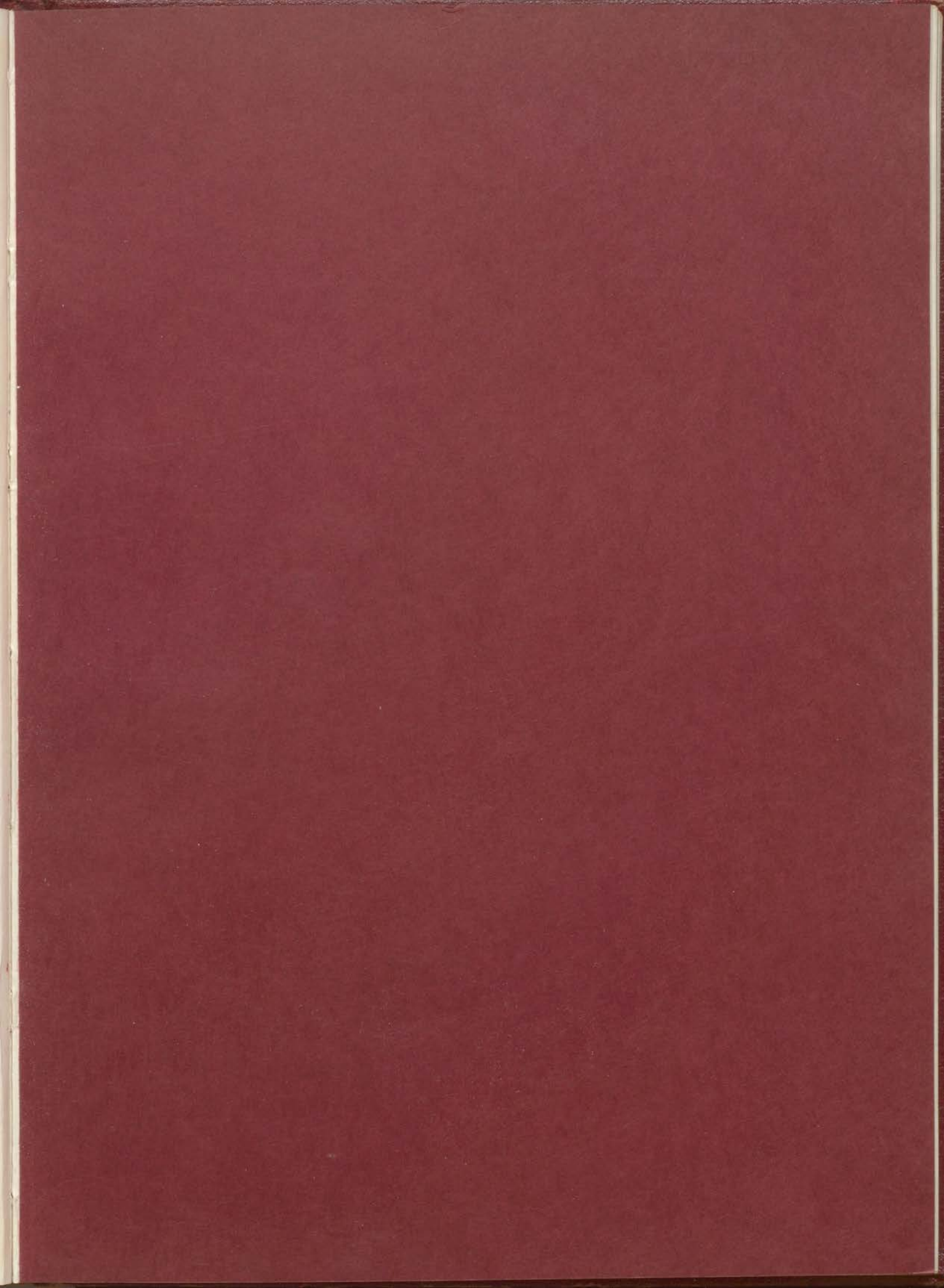
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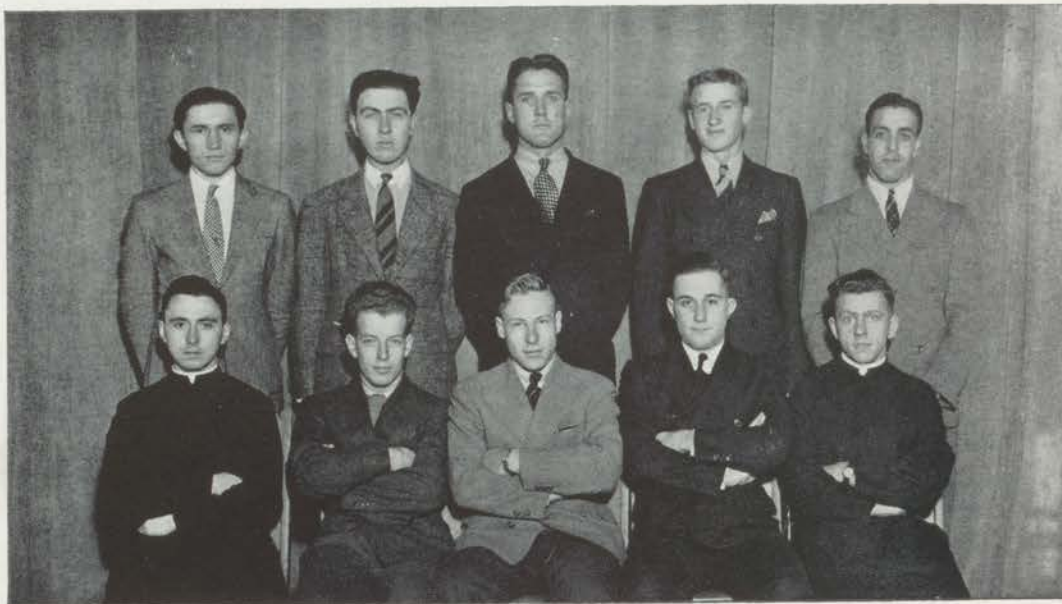


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# IN SCHOOL—

■ ED ARGUING WITH THE LIBRARIAN  
INITIATION WEEK  
PHILOSOPHERS' FLAT  
BALCONY BUMS

■ 3 PHILOSOPHERS  
BILLY ENNEST AMUSING THE CHILDREN  
PROF. HORNE  
GET OFF MY TOE!  
DON'T LOOK SO INTELLIGENT!

■ CONVERSATION ON THE DOORSTEPS  
SOLEMN PROCESSION, MAY DAY  
THIS IS HANDSOME PAUL  
MAY DAY CEREMONIES

■ KICKIN' THE GONG AROUND  
THE EXCURSION TO TOLEDO  
SOCIAL HOUR  
TAKE OFF THOSE SHOES, FROSH!  
SERIOUS STUFF—A LECTURE

■ THE THINKERS  
GO ON, JONES, LOOK THE OTHER WAY  
THERE'S PHIL SPAHN—WELL!  
THAT'S HARRY AND A FRIEND  
PLAY PICTURE

■ MR. ADOLPH ZILCH-FOX, NAUGHTY,  
NAUGHTY, NO DUNKING  
THIS IS A BUS  
SPRING COMES TO ASSUMPTION







# —AND OUT

■ BACK IN SCHOOL AGAIN  
OUTDOOR BENEDICTION  
DON'T YELL SO LOUDLY!  
THIS IS THE BRIDGE  
ED AGAIN — PLAYING DRACULA

■ PLAY SCENE  
HEY, NIGRO, DON'T TALK WITH  
YOUR MOUTH FULL!  
MR. CRAWLEY, MAKE-UP EXPERT  
MOB SCENE

■ WALTZ TIME  
ASSUMPTION BAND  
DANCING AGAIN!  
IT'S ONLY WATER!  
FATHER BURNS

■ VICTORY SONG COMMITTEE  
ANOTHER DANCE!  
ET CETERA  
THE JURY TAKES THE OATH  
MAJOR-DOMO AND MASCOT

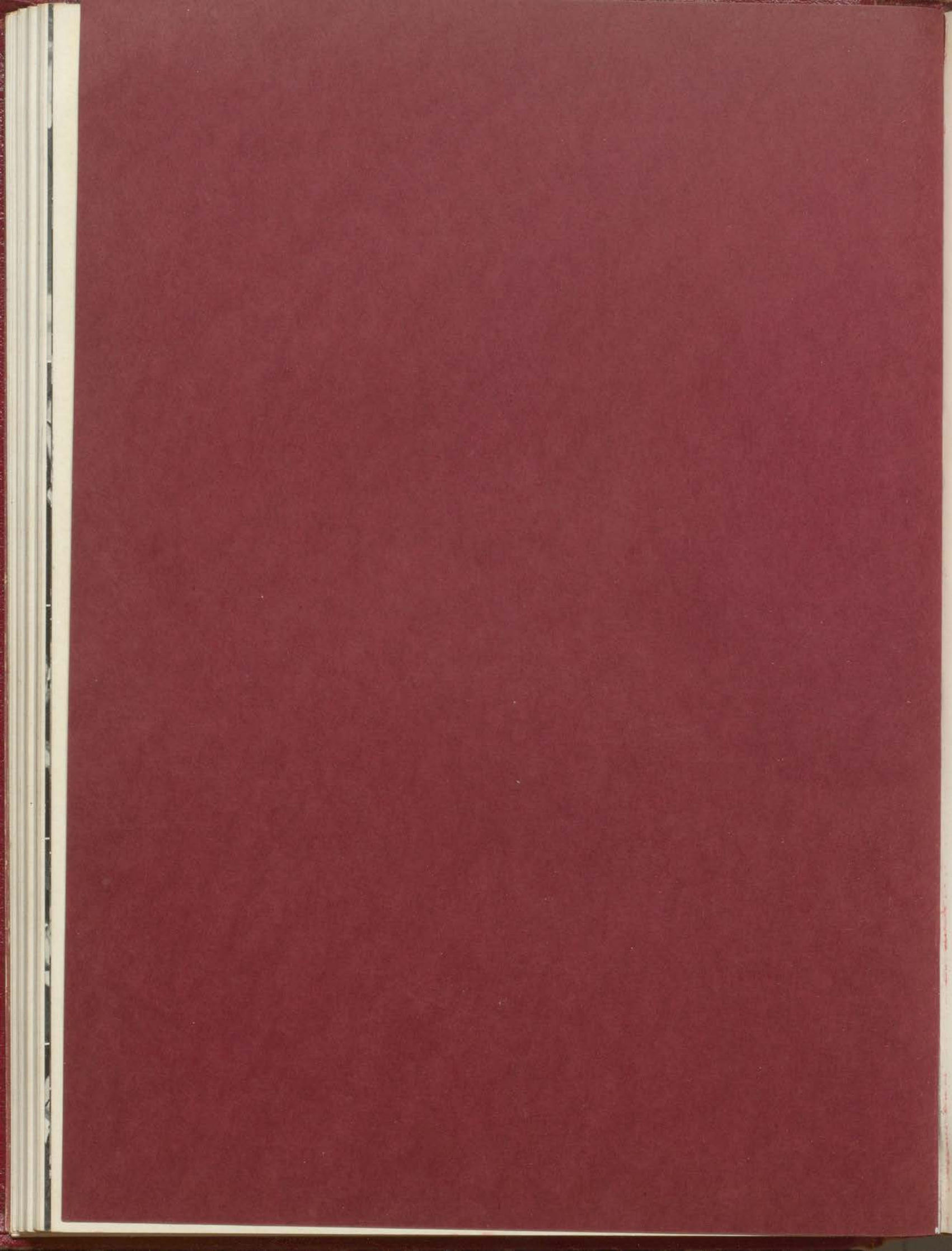
■ HIS CARDBOARD LOVER  
PING PONG VICTORS  
AT THE STUDENT COURT  
THE BAND

■ ZOUNDS! ANOTHER DANCE!  
THE CROWD LISTENS  
BROTHER ORCHID  
DITTO  
THE SPIRE











IN CHANNELS OF EXPRESSION








# IN CHANNELS OF EXPRESSION

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President

## THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Seventy years ago Assumption took its place amongst the teaching institutions of America. Following this there was a necessary inaugural of various student societies. The enrollment grew, the number of societies increased; our athletic teams were breaking into the limelight. Something was needed to unify these various outlets of activity, and the problem was solved when in November of 1929 Assumption organized its first Students' Council headed by Michael Doyle '30 and assisted by Dan Drew '30, Walter Welsh '32, Mart Daly '33 and Mr. E. J. Goodwin '31. These men realized that a unification of all student activities under an organized executive body would certainly make of the student body a more distinct and active unit.

A constitution was proposed and later accepted by Fr. Kennedy, the President of the College. The principal purposes outlined in this code of laws were a unification of all student organizations under one general control, assistance in the internal administration of the College, the fostering of sentiments of law and order, promotion of the general activities of the College, development in the student of a growing appreciation of membership in a democracy by providing the privileges of partaking in such a democracy in the College, and lastly the promotion in all ways of the best interests of the College.

With such a firm foundation the Students' Council flourished for a few years, but the depression of '29 began to make itself felt. The student enrollment decreased, student activity grew lax, the Students' Council slumped into the background, and, worst of all, the newly-adopted constitution was lost.

However, in 1935 there were signs of new life and by 1937 a definite stand was made by Harold Schachern '38 to lift Assumption once more to the ranks of the best. Taking over the reins in 1938 Herman Maier '39 took one more step towards the mark set by the Students' Council of 1929.

It seems to be a rather striking coincidence that on Assumption's seventieth anniversary that a council such as we have should be in





■ MONTY R. NIGRO  
Vice-President

power. For this august body have not only brought back student government to the level that it functioned in 1929, but it has surpassed it in almost every phase.

In the spring of 1939 after the smoke of a strenuous and sincere campaign blew over, the survivors, Ed. Fortier (President), Monty Nigro (Vice-President), Charles Clark (Fourth Year President), Gene Dalton (Third Year President), Alex. Dubensky (Second Year President), and Phil Spahn (Freshman Representative), having made no rash election promises, sat down to carefully mould the future destiny of Assumption student life. Inspired with the principles of the now-lost constitution, our executive body mapped out a method of procedure which not only included activities begun in '29 but surpassed these and fostered more.

We have only to glance over a few of the high-lights of the past year to realize just how far we have proceeded towards the goal of a true student democracy and active student life.

The beginning of the new era saw an organization of all undergraduate activities in such a way as to serve to the utmost their usefulness. Student interest during the year was stirred to the tune of huge football rallies, Freshmen initiations, trips with the teams, intra-mural sports, skating parties, smokers, tea-dances, and theatre parties.

This anniversary year has also been singularly marked by such noble achievements as securing an Assumption victory song, composed by Fred Waring and broadcast over all America; and most important of all is the adoption of another constitution which has been drawn up not only with a view to the few achievements mentioned, and others too numerous to mention, but it has within its scope a code of discipline and a form of government which will have as an executive body the Student Council proper, and a legislature, composed of the head of each student organization within the College. These two bodies joined together will form the Students' Administrative Assembly.

It is with pride that this year's Student Council relinquish their positions. It is their sincere hope that the Student Councils of the future will not only strive to reach the mark arrived at by seventy years of experience, but will proceed far beyond it.



■ J. STANLEY MURPHY, C.S.B.  
Director

# CHRISTIAN CULTURE SERIES

"That's a tremendous program; most Catholic forums have around five speakers a year," was Bishop Francis Clement Kelley's accurate observation the other day. "The Assumption College Lecture League is now recognized for presenting the best series of its kind in North America," is what a Catholic editor of a weekly with two hundred thousand readers expressed recently. The reception of dozens of similar expressions of approval from this continent and others is, to say the least, encouraging.

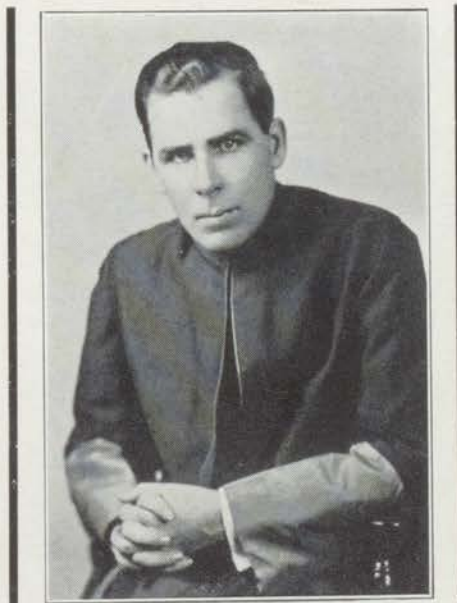
The progressive development of the forum has been firm and steady. The number of public lectures in each of the six years respectively has been: six, nine, ten, twelve, fourteen, and finally fifteen. During the first five seasons the following speakers have appeared either once or several times: Monsignor Sheen, Maisie Ward, Etienne Gilson, Shane Leslie, Peter Maurin and George B. Phelan, Arnold Lunn, C. Hollis, Maisie Ward, Carlton Hayes, Parker Moon, Bishop Kelley, Michael Williams and Rose Hoffman, Maurice Leahy, Mortimer Adler, Prince Loewenstein, A. S. Aiton, Richard Dana Skinner, Bernard Wall, Paul Hanley Furfey, Father Paul Schulte, O.M.I., Jane Anderson, Edwin J. Fenger, Francis J. Sheed, Abbé A. Vachon, Donald Attwater, Vervil Michel, O.S.B., Leonard J. Feeney, S.J., Maisie Ward, J. M. Gillis, C.S.P., Owen Francis Dudley, Jacques Maritain, Emmet Lavery, Eric Von Kuhnelt-Leddihn, James Magner,



Father Flannagan, Vincent Mooney, C.S.C., Sister M. Madeleva, Helen C. White, and Tom Morgan.

Another mark of success has been the increasing interest and support of the Michigan-Ontario public, Catholic and non-Catholic, so that the Vanity Theatre, Windsor, one block from the tunnel exit, became the scene of the lectures given this year by: Jerome G. Kerwin, Oliver St. John Gogarty, George Hunton, Dr. Hudson Oliver, Scott Buchannan, Judge M. Hatfield, Mortimer J. Adler, Col. M. T. Tchou, Bishop Kelley, Robert Speaight, Cuthbert Wright, Canon B. Iddings Bell and Msgr. John A. Ryan. The first lecture by Monsignor Sheen drew over two thousand to the Palace Theatre. Father J. McLarney, O.P., spoke in the gymnasium prior to our making the ideal arrangements with the Vanity Theatre. An average of seven to eight hundred people every two weeks for fifteen profound lectures! Impossible, one might have thought six years ago. Now, a "fait accompli".

So ideally situated near the heart of a dynamic metropolis of almost two million population, yet not of it, Assumption College,

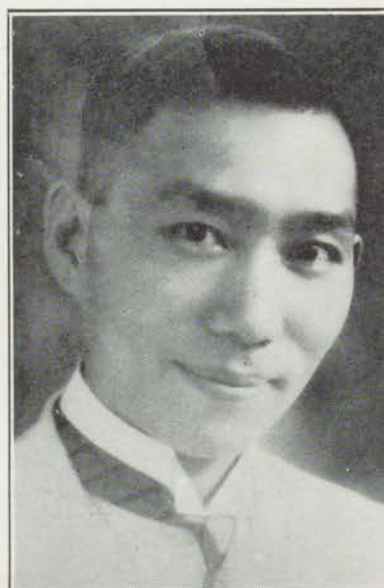


■ RT. REV. MSGR. FULTON SHEEN  
Opening Speaker

with its seventy-year tradition and the phenomenal prestige of its lecture course, has within its grasp a resplendent future. It might well become what some of the keenest of the lecturers have felt that it could become: one of the greatest Liberal Arts Colleges in North America — provided proper emphasis be focused on quality rather than quantity; on scholarship, on the development of the spirit, the personality, not dead matter. St. John's, Annapolis, still poor and small, is famous for its honest attempt to supply (even though it fails to supply) what is tragically lacking in education. "Deo volente", with vision, a long range view, courage, co-operation, Assumption may do even greater trail-blazing. Towards that goal amongst others, the Assumption College Lecture League will still contribute. Excelsior!



■ MORTIMER J. ADLER  
"Social Effects of the Movies"



■ COL. M. THOMAS TCHOU  
China's Fight for Civilization



# SCHEDULE

## The Assumption College Christian Culture Series 1939 - 40

Time: 8.30 P.M.

Place: Vanity Theatre, Windsor

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen	- - - -	October 1
Rev. J. McLarney, O.P.	- - - -	October 15
Jerome G. Kerwin	- - - -	October 29
Oliver St. John Gogarty	- - - -	November 12
Geo. K. Hunton and Dr. H. Oliver	- - - -	November 26
Scott Buchanan	- - - -	December 10
Judge Malcolm Hatfield	- - - -	January 14
Mortimer J. Adler	- - - -	January 28
Col. M. Thomas Tchou	- - - -	February 11
Bishop Francis Kelley	- - - -	February 25
Robert Speaight	- - - -	March 10
Cuthbert Wright	- - - -	March 31
Canon Bernard Iddings Bell	- - - -	April 14
Rt. Rev. Msgr. John A. Ryan	- - - -	April 28



■ OLIVER ST. JOHN GOGARTY  
"Dublin — Where Literature Is Made"



■ SCOTT BUCHANAN  
"Religion and Philosophy in Education"

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# ASSUMPTION PLAYERS

In the fall of 1938 the dramatic endeavors of the Assumption College were renewed on a larger scale than ever before. The faculty and students realized that this important phase of extra-curricular activity was being neglected. They recalled the dramatic successes under such past instructors as Father Ferguson and Father Coughlin and hoped that the students would again put before the public plays which equalled or excelled those of the past.

The main credit for the renewed interest in dramatics at Assumption is due to Mr. Laughlin Campbell who undertook the tremendous task of directing the first play, "Journey's End". Mr. Campbell met all the difficulties of lack of funds, equipment, and actors and presented a play which the College can long remember with satisfaction and pride.

After the successful finish of "Journey's End" the students decided to form a permanent dramatic society to assure at least two successful plays each year. This new society was named the "Assumption College Players" and John J. Riordan was elected its first president. The society welcomed into its ranks those interested in every or any phase of dramatic activity.

Early last October the Players set under way their second year of dramatic activity. They met with the most enthusiasm of any



■ Robert Handy, Jack Fox, Harry Bridge, James Molloy, Edgar MacDonald.





■ "So you came back, eh, Little John?" . . . Brother Orchid.

organization in the College and were confident of as successful a year as the previous one.

During the first meeting officers were elected for 1939-40. Louis Merlo was named president, James Molloy secretary, Ben J. Laker treasurer, and Mr. Campbell remained as faculty adviser. In this first meeting plans were drawn up for the presentation of a new play, "Brother Orchid".

The players were privileged again this year to have as one of their directors, Mr. Campbell, who so successfully directed "Journey's End" last year. Mr. Gregory Crawley was co-director. Mr. Crawley is a man of wide experience in the theatrical world. He has worked in the theatre in many of the important theatrical centres in the United States and Canada. The Assumption players profited greatly from his directing and suggestions.

"Brother Orchid" was first presented in Canada at the Assumption Auditorium on Monday and Tuesday evenings, December 18 and 19. The reaction of the audience to the production was the most convincing tribute to its high calibre.

The faculty and students of Holy Names College were so impressed by the production that they invited the players to produce the play at their college in the beautiful auditorium of St. Mary's Academy.

This was in accordance with the Sisters' wishes on Monday evening, February 5. This third and last performance of "Brother Orchid" was the most successful. The auditorium, which is one of the finest small theatres in Canada, was filled to capacity.

It is hoped that in future years the students will maintain the standard that has been set by the dramatic society in the past two years.

The enthusiasm exhibited by the college players in the past has made it possible for this organization to merit high praise on each of its endeavors and consequently distinguished itself as the most successful organization in the College.



■ First row: B. Laker, L. Merlo (President), P. Plante, R. Rezska.  
Second row: J. Fox, J. Stephani, R. Handy, J. Braun.

### The Assumption College Players

present

### "BROTHER ORCHID"

December 18 and 19, 1939 — 8.30 P.M.

Assumption Auditorium

### The Cast

"Fat" Dutchy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	William Beckett
"Freckles"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Charles Montreuil
The "Gimp"	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Peter Plante
Solomon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Joseph Braun
Dominic Battista	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Joseph Stephani
Little John Sarto	}	-	-	-	-	-	-	John Fox
Brother Orchid		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Brother Nasturtium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	James Molloy
Brother Geranium	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Robert Handy
Brother Hollyhock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Edgar MacDonald
Abbot Jonquil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Harry Bridge

DIRECTED BY LAUGHLIN CAMPBELL and GREGORY CRAWLEY

### Staff for the Production

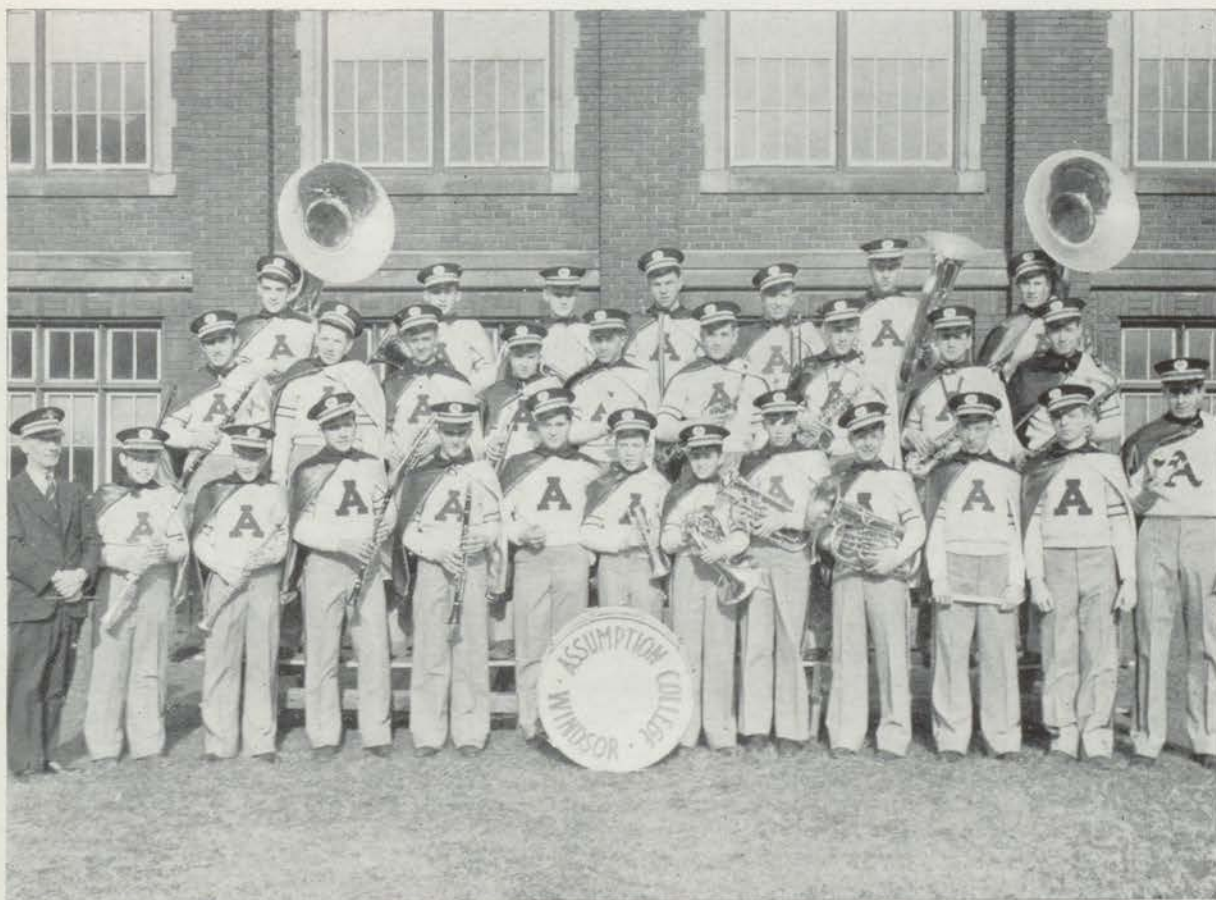
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Lighting Technician	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Robert Connor
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	{ Louis Merlo Tim Kuhn
Regisseur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nicholas Godo
Stage Manager	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	John Keenan
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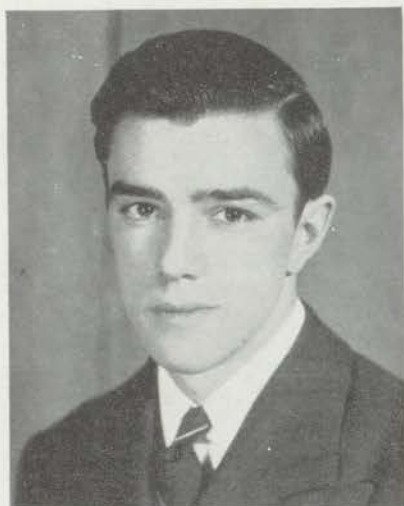
# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

During the past year the students of Assumption College have been treated with music provided by the school band. At all the football games the band has provided the main amusement during the halves. It was under the capable management of Father Harrison and Professor Sabia that the band presented the annual "Assumption Merry Go Round" which was a huge success. At the intermission loveable old songs such as "Down By the Old Mill Stream", "Daisy, Daisy, Give Me Your Answer, Do!" and the "Purple and White" and many other old favorites were sung by the audience in general. Genial Val Clare was master of ceremonies for the evening's entertainment. The "Assumption Merry Go Round" was the only function sponsored by the band this year, but its original success alone was enough to warrant future presentations. Everyone who was present went away satisfied with the evening's entertainment. Mr. William H. Burke, versatile pianist, accompanied the band and the individual performers.

The boys have willingly given their time and energy in rehearsing to present a good musical for the students. Their efforts have not and will not go unrewarded. So accomplished are they that they are able to present any number—even to the "Beer Barrel Polka". There could be no individual credit given to any member as all have contributed greatly to the accomplishments of the band as a whole. It takes many to make a band and the students of Assumption College have provided that required many. Yes, we have a band and, as in the past, so in the future we wish you the best of success.







■ DANIEL KANE  
President

## ST. BASIL'S LITERARY SOCIETY

Once upon a time, seventy years ago to be exact, the Fathers Basilian began the first chapter of a story: "Assumption College — A Success Story". In the very morning of the College's early progress the St. Basil's Literary Society hung out its shingle. A "look-see" into the history of Assumption's rhetorical device should aptly add to the ringing fanfare our journalistic fort is causing with its Anniversary issue of The Ambassador.

Father Ferguson opened the first meeting of the Society on October 1, 1873. The presidency and accompanying constitutional organization devolved for the next fifty years upon the faculty advisers connected with the Club. Of the faculty men still at Assumption, Fathers Roach and MacDonald respectively were presidents of the Society. During the period from 1890 to 1925 new features were incorporated into the Club's machinery from time to time. The Oratorical Contest was auditioned in 1900 and is still a perennial fixture: during Rev. T. MacDonald's reign (before he won his "A" and became president of the Purple), 500 souls were annually crowded into the gymnasium to hear the finals of the prize contest. Dramatics were dropped by the Society in 1903 when an independent Dramatic Club was formed. Intramural debates, mock trials, parliamentary forums, and even a whirl at magazine publication are found in the minutes of the Society. The most successful period in the entire history was the era of Father MacDonald's regime. "The talk of Windsor" is no exaggeration of the popularity of the rhetorical demeanor of the College in '25 and '26. The devices which have served as the machinery of the Club for long years are essentially the same now as they were during the 67 years of moulding. The fact that they have not been received with as much enthusiasm during the past few years is due in part to the migration of interest to a host of other activities. "The polemic in topic conversations", to quote a back issue of the "P. & W.", was rampant then perhaps even more than it is now. A comingling of conceit and temperate aversion for the days of buggies and "I take my pen in hand", would make for a biased opinion on that score. Suffice it to say that the Literary



Society has prevented what commentators and critics refer to as a "motif moderne" (blasé at best), from corrupting its organization. The Club has stuck close by the apron strings of convention of the society — conventions which were proved during 67 years.

But lest we be too hasty to relegate a retrospective view of Assumption to our agenda of patriotic "must-do's", we ponder on the unchanged aspect of the thing. Put the treadmill in reverse and call a halt, as, back in '25 or '26. A war had been written off the books; news of the depression was still in the ink bottle at the printer's, swimming about with its playmate, unemployment; and Assumption was enjoying a goodly share of prominence in Collegiate circles. That year, two splendid "orations" were given: a Mr. Kronk spoke on "Disarmament and War", and a Mr. Cullinane expounded



■ McALPINE  
Vice-President



■ C. MARCINKAVINCIUS  
Secretary

in open forum about "God's Law and Man's Law". Has the first question been solved; have not the accepted world leaders of 1940 miscued in their management by looking askance rather than ogling at Mr. Cullinane's true-blue parody on peace? Certainly no troop ship would be hovering about in the background on Convocation Day if they had.

The point is that the subjects, "polemic", of current import twenty years ago are in parallel with the problems of 1940. The difference lies in the different grammatical construction used in reference to one or the other. As we rap our gavel and ask for a vote of confidence for the great work of our forbearers, we add adequately to the ceremony of the 70th Anniversary of the school, of which the Literary Society has been a functioning integral part. 'Twill take a lot of rhetorical doing to anti-climax the oratorical and literary successes of the last seventy years, which we must do if we would speak boldly of ourselves in comparison.

# VARSITY

## "A"

## CLUB

This year the Varsity "A" Club of Assumption College was formed to promote a feeling of sportsmanship not only on the athletic field but also on the intellectual field. Membership is restricted to those who have won their major "A" awards. The coach acts as honorary president and a lifelong membership is given him. "Sig" Haremski was chosen as the first president of the club; "Gene" Durocher, Harry Drew and Bob Long were chosen vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively. Members include: Alex, Callaghan, Davids, Dennis, Durocher, Flynn, Freeman, Greenway, Haremski, Jacques, Lenard, Long, Mahaffy, Marchand, McKinley, McNamara, Onorato, Peartree, Phibbs, Reaume, Ryan, Sasso, Slovisky, Starker, Staskewicz, Spahn, Suscinski, and Westfall. The lack of union not only amongst the students but also amongst the alumni has been so apparent that the club endeavors to unite these two factions each year at a football banquet where letter awards are given out, and the captains and the most outstanding and valuable player are announced. The club likewise sponsors the annual Varsity Football Dance. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month and entertainment is provided.

The Varsity Football Dance this year was a huge success and claimed to be amongst the best of the informal dances ever held at Assumption. Father Donlon was in charge. Another informal dance at Lakewood followed a victory over Findlay College of Ohio and the alumni acted as the hosts for the evening.



■ H. Drew, E. Durocher, R. Long,  
S. Haremski.



# SOCIAL CALENDAR



"Pots", "cleats", and "tails" seem to be an odd combination for an incomparable social season at the College. However, this was the order in which the "bright spots" on Assumption's varied social calendar chronologically came:

## THE FROSH FROLIC

Assumption's social calendar began with what might be termed an object lesson. The event was the reception of the freshmen in the College gymnasium; the purpose was to inculcate into the minds of our allotment of first year college men that they were expected to live up to the standard set by previous sons of Assumption. However, at the end of their period of trial, the freshmen were honoured by a dance happily dubbed the "Frosh Frolic". The dance was distinguished by the melee of "potted" males who danced to the music of Al Edwards and his men of melody.

The feature of the evening was the ceremonial doffing of pots and the singing of the school song which made the Class of '44 official members of the student body. The dance was then last to be sponsored by the Friars Club, which was later assimilated by the Students' Council.

## THE FOOTBALL FROLIC

The second highlight of the year fell on a much disputed date, inasmuch as the Students' Council and the Athletic Association had made arrangements for a dance on the same date. However, the Athletic Association ultimately won out in the draw.

The dance was held in the auditorium of General Byng High School, and again the music of Al Edwards was featured. The members of the team, sans football equipment, were presented to their

friends. Coach Shada briefly summed up the year's achievements and gave a few words of encouragement for the coming season. The lighter side of the entertainment was furnished by the vocal renditions of Miss Eleanor LaForest. The proceeds of this dance were for the purpose of financing sweaters for the team.

### THE SENIOR PROM

On January 31 came the event of the year — the Senior Promenade, our inaugural white tie dance. After brief but intensive preparation Windsor's Masonic Temple took on a rather formal atmosphere with effective decorations. This was a suitable background for the music of Richard Avonde.

To talk of money in the same breath as the atmosphere that pervaded one's being is rather mundane; so if the numbers were small, we find consolation in the select group of dancers. We make no apologies. In fact, we are thankful, for our sense of well-being was worth the financial sacrifice.

The seniors were able, by means of sundry methods, to master the intricacies of the white tie and waistcoat application. These, need we say, looked a rather far cry from the usual attire that graces their being here within the walls of Assumption. As for the objects of far greater interest, it will suffice to iterate that they were beautiful and charming.

The music was in complete accord with this absolutely vivacious and carefree evening. Images in memory, happy and youthful ones, soon we hope not forgotten. The seniors may well be saluted and complimented. With this salutation we pass another day in the calendar.

### OTHERS

Three more events find their places on the Assumption social honour roll. The young ladies of Holy Names claim title to two of these, namely, their tea-dance at which all Assumption gents were the guests of honour, and their annual H. N. C. Dance at Lakewood Country Club. The Arts Banquet of course comprises the third and conclusive event which rounded out the well-planned and very enjoyable social season of '39 and '40.



# PUBLICATIONS



■ RICHARD D. FARRELL  
Editor

# THE AMBASSADOR



While we swell with justifiable pride on the occasion of our Alma Mater's Seventieth Birthday, we are proud also because of another birthday — the birthday of The Ambassador. Assumption's year book is two years old with this issue and, although it is the "baby" of the various College organizations, it has become by far one of the most important ones in the short span of its existence.

Two attempts at establishing an annual at Assumption had been made before publication of The Ambassador. The first was The Dionysian, a 116-page volume published by the graduating class of 1915. It was unsuccessful as a financial venture and was discontinued after the first issue. There were no more year books until 1930 when Assumption was celebrating her diamond jubilee. There was published The Basilides in commemoration of the event. It was a handsome edition, beautifully bound and printed on the finest of coated papers. Mr. Eugene Cullinane, now Father Cullinane, C.S.B., at St.



■ S. HAREMSKI  
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■ ROBERT J. HANDY  
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■ STEPHEN R. McMANUS  
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Thomas More College, Saskatchewan, was the editor and, although his was a marvelous piece of work, lack of support forced The Basilides to follow the fate of The Dionysian.

Ten years later The Ambassador was born. The 1939 edition was the result of an inspiration of Father V. J. Guinan, C.S.B. In the fall of 1938 a meeting of a select few was called in the old Boarders' Clubroom where ten students pondered over the possibilities of attempting another year book. It was made clear that the book would have to be published entirely with the revenue derived from the sale of advertising and patrons. The school itself would in no way be responsible for debts incurred by any year book staff. The staff was agreeable to the terms and timidly they began the task. Richard Farrell and David Burke were appointed editors and The Ambassador gradually took form. The advertising staff worked



■ DOUGLASS KENNEDY  
Associate Editor



■ CARLO GRASSI  
Alumni Editor



■ JOHN VENINI  
Photography

feverishly under the guidance of a most exacting Board of Control headed by one Stewart Bull, assisted by John McKenty.

The revenue derived from advertising and patrons was sufficient to pay the costs of the book and most gratifying was the slight profit made on the sale of the books. No year book or school publication is profit-making and the fact that The Ambassador was a brilliant success, prompted the drafting of plans for Volume Two which has been made the volume to commemorate the Seventieth Anniversary of the College. Both students and faculty alike gave the 1939 Ambassador a warm welcome and in two years it has become the leading publication of Assumption College.

The 1940 edition is a decided improvement over its predecessor. The latest type faces have been employed throughout, and the introduction of colour on the initial pages has greatly enhanced the appearance of the book. A radical departure from tradition is found in the use of maroon and gold as a colour scheme, thus abolishing the familiar purple and white that has become so monotonous in recent years. The Ambassador is one of the first year books in Canada to use the new filled or padded type cover. This innovation gives the book a richer appearance and the new cover design adds still more to its attractiveness.

This edition has been nine months in the making and it is with the greatest of pleasure that we offer it to our readers. It is a complete record of a year — of seventy years, as a matter of fact — and it is our fondest hope that it will long be cherished as a precious document that contains within its pages the seventy glorious chapters devoted to the history of your school — your Assumption.



■ J. R. HARTFORD  
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# PURPLE AND WHITE

When the birthday cake of Assumption is being set with its seventy candles this year, it must not be forgotten to reserve fifteen more candles for a less auspicious but important anniversary. Of course, we refer to the fifteenth anniversary of the journalistic offspring and problem child of Assumption—"The Purple and White".

It was on November 15, 1924, that the now famous news-sheet was brought into the world of Assumption activity. Since this founding it is to be doubted if any publication, collegiate or commercial, has ever had a more checkered career than the P. & W. Its heading has been changed three times, its set-up has been altered at least ten times, and its policy has varied exactly fifteen times. In other words,



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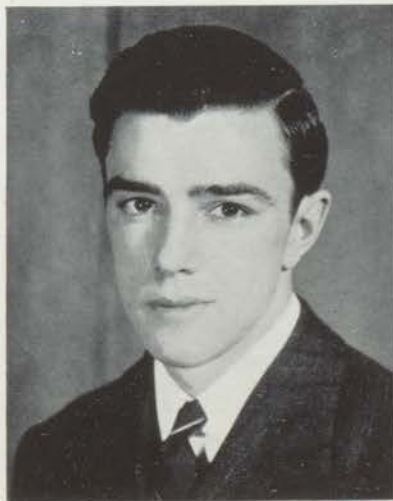




■ ROBERT J. HANDY  
Assistant Editor

the "Purple and White" has been at the mercy of every editor who has had the pleasure of mauling it. Yet, despite these editorial ravages, there are those who will maintain that all through its heterongeneous career the P. & W. has proved its capacity to weather editorial storms and to retain something of the spirit of the original edition, as well as that of a newspaper.

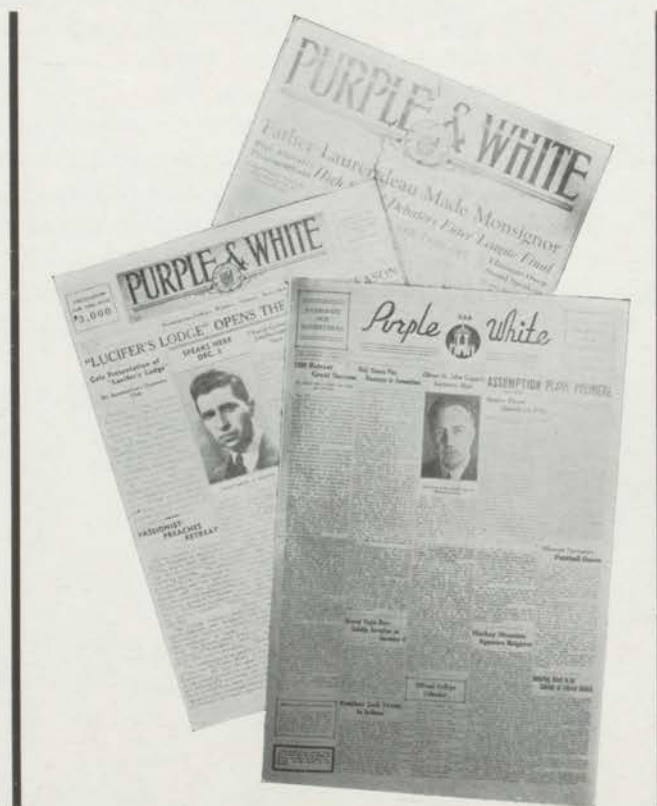
This year's staff consisted of a group of individuals heartily given over to the philosophy of change. They altered the conventional heading, the size, the editorial policy, as well as the compositional and financial set-ups. In this year of anniversary and transition the "Purple and White" has become bigger, acquired a modernistic head, bordered on anti-intellectualism, and finally has affiliated financially with The Ambassador. Some of these alterations have given the P. & W. a new lease on life and have improved its appearance, but in the matter of content there menaces a glaring question mark. This year, not unlike preceding years, it was something of a task to get the reportorial and editorial wheels to function smoothly and consistently, with the result that a few editions left wide margins for improvement. On the whole, however, it can be unblushingly



■ DANIEL KANE  
Feature Editor

admitted that this year's publication approached the standard of a fifteen-year-old bi-monthly college newspaper.

When the realization that a college newspaper is an activity in which all students may take part, that it is essentially and entirely a student project, that it is the most forceful medium of expressing and reflecting student interests, then perhaps an anniversary for the "Purple and White" will really mean something other than a mere statement of fact. The editorial staff of '39-'40 has tried to instill these notions in the student body, but their endeavours were not manifestly successful. It is with the sincere hope that the editorial staff of '40-'41 will be able to fully accomplish the task we leave unfinished and to improve upon the "Purple and White", we, the editorial staff of this year, close the ink-pot and rack the fifteen-year-old quill to dry.



■ THREE FORMATS . . . .

- Top — 1924-26
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- Lower — 1939-40



# PURPLE AND WHITE

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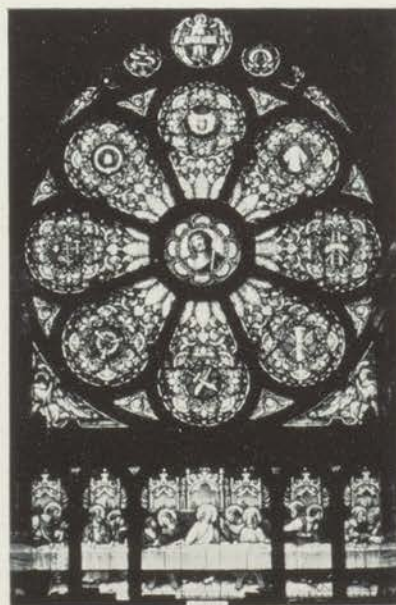
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# RELIGIOUS FUNCTIONS

# CATHOLIC ACTION

## CLUB

The movement, "Pax Romana", a trend for national affiliation in Catholic Action for world-wide peace, was the dominant factor in utilizing the time and efforts of the Assumption College Catholic Action members. It was at the national congress held at Washington and New York that the need of representation from English-speaking Catholic Canadian students was deeply felt. Of the eighty-eight students representing Canada at the world wide conference, only two spoke English. Therefore, students from Ottawa University formed an organization committee whereby the English-speaking students of Canadian colleges could join together as one unit and have direct representation at future congresses. Assumption College would be a main cog in this factor since they would have to contact and regulate all "Pax Romana" movements in their vicinity. In entering this Federation, Assumption is ranked as one of the major colleges in Canada, and by getting in on the groundwork of the project, she stands to benefit a great deal.

The utmost need of such an organization is self-apparent. Since the evil forces unite to perform their nefarious deeds, Catholic Students who have the faith of centuries behind them and who have a message for the world should unite and co-operate in order to work more effectively and to bring greater results. There is the work of creating a Catholic outlook on all activities, on the individual student, on the campus, thus, throughout the length and breadth of Canada. Such has been the theme of activity and the message spread to all college students this year that for years to come the effects of this work will be felt and thanks must be given to the members of the Catholic Action club who have made the "Pax Romana" movement possible.



■ S. Haremski, L. Gasser (President), D. O'Neil, R. Handy.



# BLESSED VIRGIN'S

## SODALITY

Looking back to all the organizations, clubs and functions which have marked milestones at Assumption College, we can discern among all the variables, one steady constant which has outlived any organization in the annals of the school. We speak of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For sixty-seven years the Sodality has proven itself one of Assumption's most important societies. It had its beginning on December 8, 1873, when Rev. D. O'Connor, founder of the College, announced that His Lordship Bishop Walsh had approved the commencement of a Sodality, under the title of "The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin".

"The Sodality of Our Lady", according to Father D. A. Lord, S.J., is a religious body which aims at fostering in its members an ardent devotion, reverence, and filial love toward the Blessed Virgin Mary, and through this devotion, and with the protection of so good a mother, it seeks to make the faithful gathered together under her name, good Catholics, sincerely bent on sanctifying themselves, each in his state of life, and zealous, as far as their condition in life permits, to save and sanctify their neighbor and to defend the Church of Jesus Christ against the attacks of the wicked. Of the above aims, personal holiness is the most important. This is the reason why the Sodality, under the direction of Father S. Murphy during the past year, has striven to further personal piety among its members, by urging their devoted imitation of Mary, their fervent attendance at Mass and Communion, and their use of prayer.

This year, meetings were held in the Students' Chapel every second Tuesday evening at seven-thirty. Office of the Blessed Virgin was recited, and was followed by a short instruction and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. On Friday, December 8, the candidates seeking admission to the Sodality were presented to the Father Director and after a solemn ceremony were admitted to the Society. Father Donnelly delivered the sermon to the new candidates in which he explained the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.

The custom set by the late Father H. S. Belisle, whereby a May celebration is held in honour of the Blessed Virgin, will be continued this year on the first Sunday in May. This event was inaugurated three years ago and it is to be hoped that it will perpetuate in years to come. This celebration will culminate the program of devotion which the students of Assumption have dedicated to their Blessed Mother during the school year.



■ T. Kuhn, L. Onorato, F. Langan (President), S. Haremski.



## THE ANNUAL RETREAT

There is no spiritual event more longed for, more anticipated, and more enjoyed than the annual retreat of three days' silence, prayer, and meditation. This, the seventieth year of Assumption College, gave us our seventieth retreat, with Rev. Father Pius, C.P., of Detroit, conducting the conferences. Assumption College students were indeed fortunate in obtaining Father Pius as retreat master, for in his years as a Passionist teacher and a missionary he has come to understand boys and their problems to such an extent that he earnestly and emphatically smoothed all difficulties.

The aims of the retreat were threefold: to inquire into the state of our soul, to eradicate our faults thus renewing the supply of grace, and finally to study the lives of the saints to advance in goodness and sanctifying grace.

"God is Love" were the opening and closing words of Father Pius. This Divine Love was developed throughout the entire retreat as its theme in the talks on Death, the True Purpose of Life, God and His Mercy, Prayer, the Holy Eucharist, Charity, and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It was the universal consensus on Saturday morning when the retreat and silence ended that the retreat was a great success and one of the best retreats ever held at Assumption College. Great credit was given Father Pius and it is with God's blessing and love that we wish him for the future all good luck in the sincere hope that some time we may again have the good fortune to have Father Pius as retreat master for the Assumption College students.



## THE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

There is really no language that can completely express the beauty, the grandeur, the sublime holiness of an event such as the Forty Hours Devotion which is held each year in the College Chapel. The three days in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed within garlands of floral arrangements and sparkling candelabra are days to which every student eagerly looks forward to with anxiety each year. This year the solemn occasion took place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 27, 28 and 29. The first morning Father F. Burns was the celebrant with Father Lee, Subdeacon, and Father H. Mallon, Deacon. Father Pickett was the speaker the first evening. The second day Father Murphy was celebrant assisted by Fathers Thompson and F. S. Ruth. Father Donnelly's discourse was one that will long be remembered by Assumption students. His topic was an excellent one and it was very instructive. Father Kelly, Father Armstrong and Father Garvey chanted the Solemn High Mass on the final morning and the ensuing evening Father Rogers of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, preached the sermon.





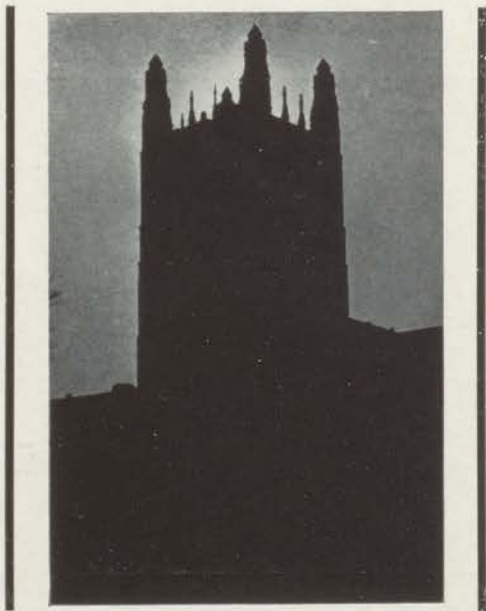
# MISSION SOCIETY

This year's Mission Society started with a great aim in view. Mr. Jack Fox, who resigned his post as Prefect of the Blessed Virgin's Sodality in order to assume the office of president of the Missions, set the goal for the year at one thousand dollars. Although the gesture was noble enough, the long-cherished sum was never realized — at least not this year. The members of the society worked feverishly with various means of raising financial aid for the poor souls of the Dark Continent. The main object of any mission society is to gain material aid for the missionaries who have so gallantly given their lives to the service of converting pagan souls to Christ. Assumption, being a Catholic college, naturally places special emphasis on this type of work. The Mission Society was founded in the fall of 1919. Two members of the Senior Sodality, Messrs. J. Parker and W. Dwyer, suggested to their fellow members the advisability of establishing a society devoted to helping the Foreign Missions. They explained that the purpose of such a society was the assistance of the missions in Africa, firstly by prayer, and secondly by financial contributions.

This year the society has held some very enthusiastic meetings. They have discussed matters pertaining to missionary work and much information has been gathered that should serve as a stimulus to a broader outlook upon the responsibilities which our Holy Faith enjoins. This gallant band of workers, the Assumption Mission workers, are to be congratulated for their progressive spirit and fiery zeal. The numerous smokers conducted throughout the year were enjoyed by all who attended them and at the same time the ten cent admission fee to these affairs, although not totalling a thousand dollars, helped some and after all it is not the amount that is most important but the spirit and generosity on the part of the students which counts most in this society. The interest shown by the Arts men was very great and it is hoped that next year Assumption will be able to send delegates to the Annual Catholic Students' Mission Crusade which is held at Washington, D.C.



■ C. Freeman, J. Fox (President), A. Archambault, J. Dennis.











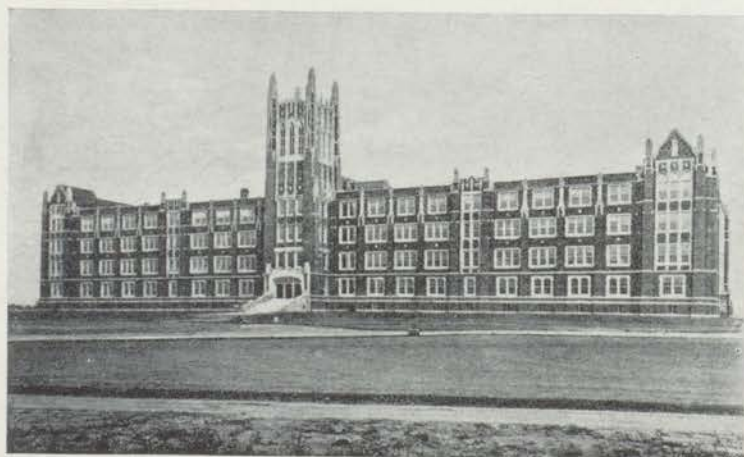
HOLY NAMES COLLEGE



■ ST. MARY'S ACADEMY — 1864  
The first two buildings were on Park St. at  
Ouellette where the Tunnel is now located.



■ ST. MARY'S ACADEMY — 1904



■ ST. MARY'S AND HOLY NAMES — 1929  
on Grand Marais Blvd.



# MILESTONES



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Holy Names College is not a new institution, but the crowning achievement of the seventy-five years of earnest and fruitful service rendered by St. Mary's Academy, Windsor.

St. Mary's was founded in 1864 by four Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary from Montreal, Quebec. From humble beginnings, marked by privation and hardship, the Academy grew steadily until in 1934 its expansion into Holy Names College was necessitated by the need of meeting further educational requirements.

Listed through Assumption College as a Catholic Women's College of the University of Western Ontario, "Holy Names" offers all the advantages of a great Canadian university under auspices distinctively Catholic. The Department of Philosophy and Religion is under the direction of the Basilian Fathers.

In the General Course, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, conferred by the University of Western Ontario, the following options are offered: I. Modern Language. II. Mathematics and Science. III. English and History. IV. Commerce and Finance. In September, 1940, a department of Home Economics will be formally opened. Its courses qualify a student for a certificate to be presented by the University of Western Ontario upon the completion of the two years' work.

Through membership in the Lecture League, sponsored by Assumption College, the students of Holy Names College enjoy many cultural opportunities offered by noted leaders in Church and State.





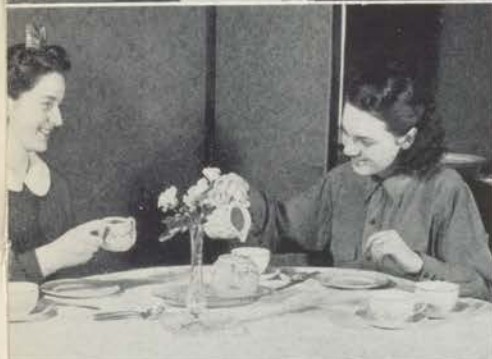
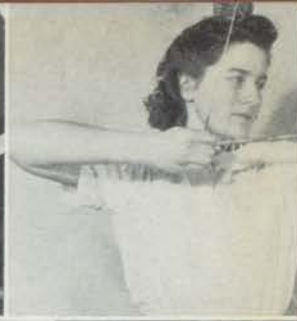
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■ STUDENT COUNCIL — M. Sternbauer, A. McClosky, E. Hall, M. Jewell, M. Kehoe.

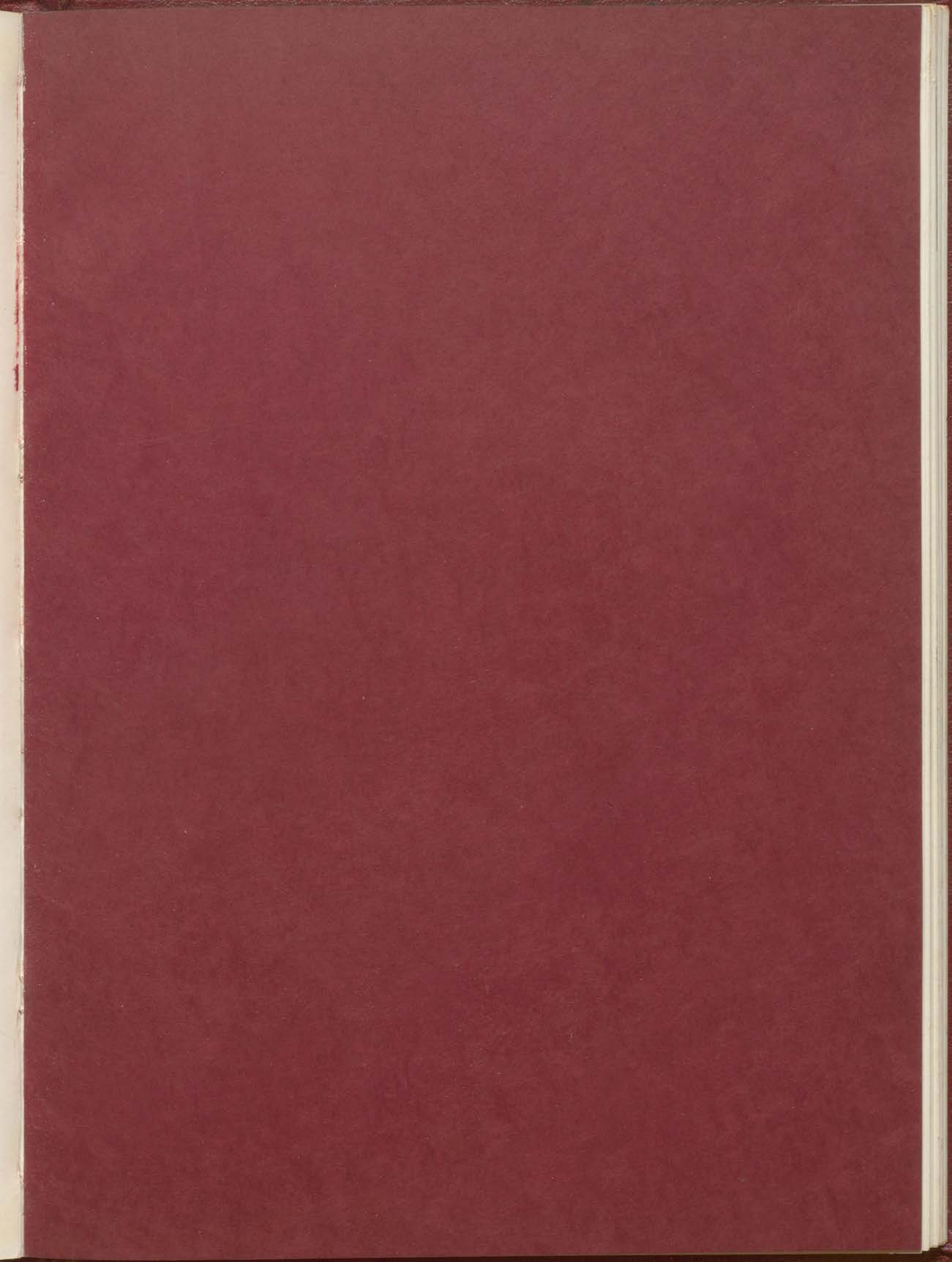










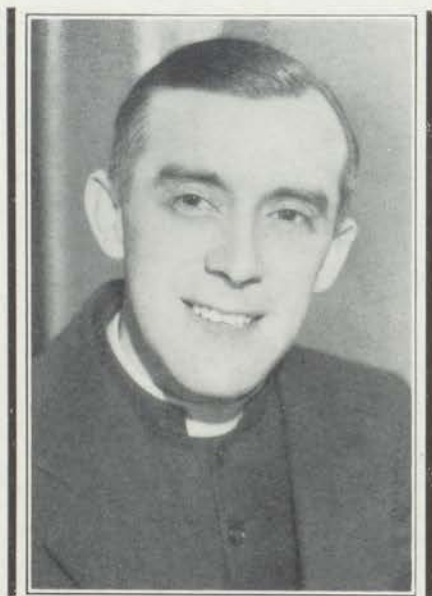






IN STRIVING FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Under the capable management of Rev. Fr. J. A. Donlon, the athletic department this year had progressed in great strides to better achievement in the annals of athletic history at Assumption College. It was under Father's care that the boys made their trips and came home satisfied, which in itself is remarkable — for try to find every boy satisfied after a trip to some foreign athletic enemy. Fr. Donlon has truly endeavoured to follow through the principle of recognizing the utmost importance of developing the athletic body as well as the scholastic mind, for he has kept in mind the proverb: "mens sana in corpore sano". Congratulations, Fr. Donlon!



■ REV. J. A. DONLON, C.S.B.  
Athletic Director





■ MR. JOHN J. SHADA  
Coach

As Atlas received the world on his shoulders, John Shada undertook the massive job of developing a football team at Assumption College. Himself a lineman of no mean repute, Coach Shada gave Assumption a line that was capable of putting up a strong bulwark against the attack of any enemy. John drove his boys hard and they literally loved it. He encouraged, discouraged, and enraged them but they always came out with that true fighting spirit that has always been prevalent at Assumption's Purple Raiders' endeavours. Coach Shada gave us a backfield any college could be proud of with no exception. He was truly a good coach and has added to the glory of Assumption College athletics as no one had in years. Orchids to you, Johnny Shada. Success in the coming years. On to Victory!



Elected at the end of the season together with half-back Eddie Suscinski was Assumption's left tackle, Sigmund Haremski. He has been one of the most aggressive and dependable left tackles who has ever graced the Assumption gridiron. In his first year of College football he was named on the all-Michigan-Ontario Collegiate Conference football team along with his compatriot. He has been feared as well as respected on the gridiron and was an excellent choice for co-captain of the 1940 squad.

## CO - CAPTAIN SIGMUND HAREMSKI



## CO-CAPTAIN EDWARD SUSCINSKI

Eddie Suscinski, along with Haremski, was elected as co-captain for the coming year. He was Assumption's stellar backfield man during the past year and was outstanding as has been the habit with backfield men at the Purple Raider College. He ranks along with all others who have made their name known and respected in football history. He was able as a pass receiver, a sure tackler, a beautiful runner, and he easily won his major award in football. He was, besides, honoured on the all-Michigan-Ontario Collegiate Conference All Star team at right half-back position.








# ON TO VICTORY!



From a raw squad of enthusiastic football aspirants with only a very few veterans, football made history at Assumption College under the guiding care of Coach Johnny Shada, who developed a grid eleven from its infant stage as a ragged team in its first game to the finesse of a well-drilled and snappy grid eleven in its last game. Only those who saw the team in its first game and in its last can fully realize and appreciate the splendid progress made by the Assumption team. With the college boarders comprising the new material almost in entirety, the football season of '39 will ever remain a memorable one, for it represents Assumption's bid into higher fields of athletic endeavour against better known colleges. The season began with the usual schedule against Assumption's regular athletic foes and closed with two new opponents, Kent State University and Kalamazoo Teachers' College. Little did anyone think at the beginning of the season that out of that stern and brawny squad, three men would be chosen to represent Assumption on the All Star team at the close of a very successful football season. As everyone else felt, so we feel in saying for the coming years, Good Luck Assumption Gridders!

Past year books have given a concise formal account of the athletic games. This year we hope to present the athletic department's news in a narrative form and are endeavouring to present the material in a more entertaining and pleasant way. And so—On to Victory!



ASSUMPTION - 18  
ADRIAN - 0



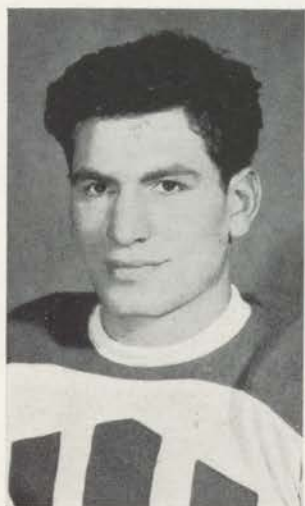
■ CAPTAIN EDDIE WESTFALL

It was quiet at Assumption College for school had not yet started, but there were some twenty-five football players who were doing their level best to reinstate a college football record at Assumption prior to the school opening.

A new system of captainship was used by Coach Shada this year and it meant a captain for every game. Under the capable Captain Eddie Westfall, the Purple Raiders made their night debut at Kennedy Stadium to defeat Adrian College before some 2,500 fans who had seen Assumption play before and had come to be convinced that there really was a football team at Assumption as reported according to paper write-ups and news broadcasts. It was an excellent beginning for an inexperienced team. In the first quarter, Eddie Suscinski, a new man on the Assumption gridiron, faced the Windsor fans to hammer the Adrian line for successive running gains coupled with passes from Windsor's own Ed Westfall, and paved the way for Staskewicz's two-yard plunge for the first score of the season. In the second quarter Westfall passed to Jim McKinley who ran fifteen yards to cross the line standing up for a touchdown for Assumption. At the half the score stood Assumption 12 - Adrian 0. The third quarter remained scoreless only due to the splendid efforts of linemen such as Sasso, Long, Freeman, and Haremski, who stemmed the only Adrian march. In the fourth quarter, Westfall again came through and passed to Joe Ryan, Assumption's grinning end, who crossed the line for another touchdown. All points for conversion failed. Suscinski definitely proved himself a coming star for Assumption and Eddie Westfall showed himself true to form.

Assumption won their first game and made it the second consecutive win from Adrian College in two years. Many faults were seen and improvement was deemed necessary. They were a good team but lacked polish. One for Assumption. On to Victory!





■ CAPTAIN SAM SASSO

ASSUMPTION - 32  
ST. MARY'S - 0

Echoing to the cheers and jeers during the Freshman Week and the joy of returning students, plus the Homecoming Day and the Canadian Thanksgiving, the Assumption Raiders defeated St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake by the round score of 32-0, to avenge their defeat of last year. Coach Shada affably presented his "thanks" to the 3,400 Canadian cheerers who were so impressed with Assumption's first victory that they had come to urge their team on to further victory and grid fame. They were not disappointed.

In the first quarter Assumption scored twice with Suscinski and Westfall working like a charm. With a combination of runs by Suscinski and passes by Westfall, Assumption was on the Poles' 41-yard line. Here Joe Ryan received a beautiful pass from Westfall and ran to the five, where Suscinski plunged for the touchdown. Reaume easily converted. Again Suscinski starred as he intercepted a pass on his own 35-yard line and ran 65 yards for a touchdown. Reaume converted. The second team then went in and scored with a pass attack that baffled the Poles. Lenard passed to Peartree for 15, to Alex for 30 and again to Alex who crossed the Poles' line for another score. In the second half the regulars started again. Sig Haremski at left tackle paved the way for Assumption's fourth score by blocking a punt with Suscinski recovering and running to the Poles' eleven. Westfall scored over tackle with Callaghan and Sasso providing the hole. The reserves came in and again scored in the last quarter when Marchand intercepted a pass and hot-footed it past four St. Mary's backs and crossed the line with no one touching him. All last three conversions failed.

It could be seen that the Purple team had picked up considerably. Strong on offensive and yet a little weak on defence. Without a doubt Suscinski and Westfall were in the limelight and along with them were Alex, Peartree, Spahn, Dennis, Captain Sasso, Freeman and Long contributing greatly to Assumption's victory. Number two. On to Victory!



ASSUMPTION - 0  
DE SALES - 14



■ CAPTAIN HOWARD FLYNN

A strong unbeaten De Sales College from Toledo, Ohio, handed the Assumption Raiders their first defeat by a score of 14 - 0. A bus load of college students under Fr. J. Kelly followed their team and, though they saw them defeated, they realized they had a team they could be very proud of against any opponent. The victory assured De Sales of the Michigan-Ontario Collegiate Conference championship which they annexed as they ended their season as an undefeated team.

There is no blame for the defeat. The Red and Blue were rated over Assumption and it was only by good defensive play that Assumption held De Sales to score in the first few minutes of play and again in the last few minutes. The first touchdown was a surprise attack, but the Assumption boys came back fighting but just could not click. It was decidedly an off night and rain contributed a great deal to prevent passes which spoiled Assumption's favorite attack.

The backfield and line both worked well and blame can be put on no part of the team. It was a lineman's day, however, as De Sales' power was in a running attack. Bob Long, Assumption's iron man, played the entire game at centre position. Along with Long, Freeman, Haremski, Dennis and Sasso bore the brunt of the Red and Blue attack. Lenard, Suscinski and Westfall starred in the backfield. It was a bitter pill to swallow but the Assumption team could take it and did take it. Despite the fact that it broke their winning streak, it did not break their hearts. A beautiful game! The Raiders turned in a fine game and looked good even in defeat. On to Victory!







■ CAPTAIN ED. SUSCINSKI

ASSUMPTION - 16

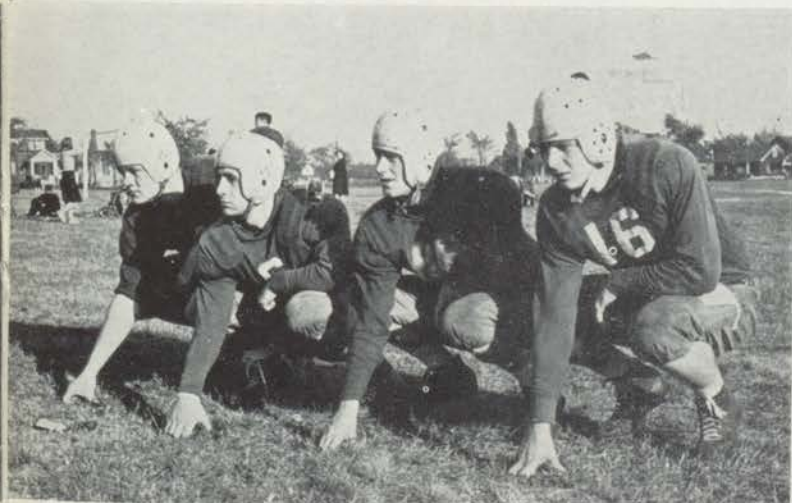
FERRIS - 7

It was the Institute's homecoming game but their Bulldogs could not stop the Assumption eleven from winning by a score of 16-7. Eddie Suscinski, Assumption star, was honoured as captain for the tilt in this M.O. game.

The first half was scoreless. However, Assumption was down in Ferris' territory consistently, but was unable to score. Ferris did not threaten once in the first half.

The second half showed fighting. Assumption attacked viciously and the first score was made as Westfall, Reaume and Suscinski passed and ran to the Bulldogs' fifteen. A pass from Westfall to Alex put the ball on the six, where Westfall plunged through tackle to score. Reaume converted. Assumption fumbled on its 38 and Ferris recovered. With a beautiful attack Ferris went to the Assumption 14 and with a penalty the ball was on the one-yard line. Here the Bulldogs scored through tackle and Ballentine, ace-star, converted with a drop kick. In the fourth quarter, Westfall intercepted a pass on the Ferris 34. With successive runs and passes Assumption ended up on Ferris' 15. Suscinski, aided by the efficient blocking of Eddie Jacques, easily scored. Flynn converted. Ferris received but lost the ball on downs. Suscinski quick-kicked to the two-yard line. Ferris attempted to kick but Sig Haremski, tackle, broke through and earned a safety for Assumption by dropping the ball in the end zone, thus ending the scoring for the day.

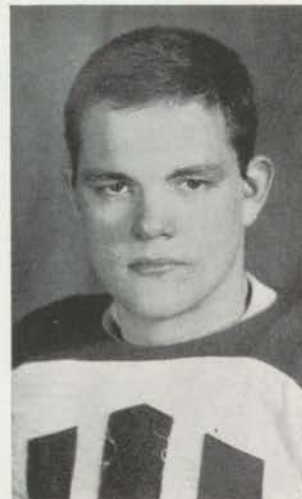
Westfall, Suscinski, Jacques and Alex looked best in the back, with Long, Freeman, Flynn, Ryan and Starker doing excellent work on the line. Number three. On to Victory!





ASSUMPTION - 14

FINDLAY - 6



■ CAPTAIN BOB LONG

Despite the handicap of being considered the under-dog by all major sports writers, Assumption College forged ahead to defeat Findlay College of Ohio, the strongest team in Ohio Collegiate Football, by a score of 14-6 amid the cheers of an Assumption-conscious cheering section. Captain Bob Long led the Purple Raiders in this major upset in Michigan-Ontario collegiate football.

Coach Shada's first eleven were not giving co-operation to Eddie Suscinski so he sent in the second "ten" to help Suscinski score and justify his action. Amid fine blocking and passing the ball was carried to the five-yard line where Suscinski cracked the line for a touchdown. Pat Peartree easily converted. At the half, the score read Assumption 7 - Findlay 0. In the third quarter Assumption lost Haremski who received the first injury of the season with a split lip. Along with Haremski, Sam Sasso suffered a badly cut head when he lost his helmet and was kicked in the head. After this the Findlay Oilers scored but failed to convert, leaving the score 7-6 in favour of Assumption. Lenard started the ball rolling in the fourth with an eleven-yard pass. After this Suscinski, Eddie Jacques and Aldo Lenard drove the ball to the seven where Suscinski went around his own end for the final touchdown of the game. Again Peartree converted. Assumption 14 - Findlay 6 was the final score as the whistle blew.

Without a doubt Lenard, Jacques and Suscinski, together with Alex and Onorato, led the Assumption team to their fourth victory. On the line Slovisky, Peartree, Dennis, Spahn and Bob Long showed up on a par with the splendid play of the backs. It was really a treat to see the Assumption team battle it out with the scienific playing of the Ohio Oilers. Despite great odds and injuries, the Purple Raiders proved their amazing ability to come out with flying colours while being the under-dogs to present a smooth-moving machine to provide the upset felt amongst Ohio football fans and teams. Congratulations again. On to Victory!





■ CAPTAIN CHAS. FREEMAN

ASSUMPTION - 7  
GRAND RAPIDS - 7



In every season of football there comes one game which ends up with neither side emerging victorious after a bitter struggle. The Assumption College versus Grand Rapids Junior College football game was the see-saw game of the year to provide Assumption with her first and only tie of the year. The first half looked as if it would end scoreless. Both teams stemmed every advance made and prevented all aerial attacks to score. It was not until the Jaycee's right tackle, Jack Hart, with but seconds to go, intercepted a pass thrown by Westfall on his own 20-yard line and ran amid splendid blocking for 74 yards to Assumption's six where he was finally tackled by Haremski. A pass was completed and Hart converted after the touchdown. The final score at the half read Grand Rapids 7 - Assumption College 0.



In the second half, coupled with runs and passes, the Assumption Purple Raiders marched for 80 yards down the field to score with Suscinski carrying the ball over for the touchdown. Pat Peartree, ace-kicker for Assumption, was sent in from the side lines and converted to gain the tying point of the game.

Both teams battled furiously to score again but it was impossible to penetrate the line of either team. The game ended with neither team being able to score again. It was a costly game for Assumption as Eddie Suscinski suffered injuries that permanently put an end to all athletic endeavours for the rest of the school year. Also, Eddie Westfall suffered a leg infection that put him out of the running until the final game of the season against Lawrence Tech. Captain Charlie Freeman, Eddie Westfall and Haremski provided the thrillers of the game. And so: On to Victory!

ASSUMPTION - 26

BLUFFTON - 12



■ CAPTAIN SIG HAREMSKI

It was another field day for Assumption as Bluffton College Beavers went down to defeat in their last game of the season by a score of 26 - 12 at the hands of the Assumption Purple Raiders, who scored in every quarter of the game. Tackle Sig Haremski was elected to act as captain in this final game of the season.

In the first quarter Eddie Jacques provided the "beauty" run of the day by charging through the line and then shaking off three would-be tacklers to run 51 yards for the first score of the game. Lenard easily converted for point after touchdown. In the second quarter, after one touchdown had been called back for a penalty of offside, Reaume received a short bullet pass from Lenard and stepped over the line for the second touchdown. Conversion failed this time. In the third quarter Louie Onorato, veteran of last year's team, received a pass from the versatile Lenard and smashed through the line to score. Lenard then again stepped into the spotlight to convert for extra point. In the fourth period, after marching down the field, Aldo Lenard crashed over tackle for the final score of the game as far as Assumption was interested.

In the last three minutes of play Bluffton scored twice. One touchdown was due to a roughing penalty which put the ball on the one-yard line where the Beavers put the ball over after two vain attempts. Again the Beavers scored as they intercepted a badly thrown pass and ran with no interference for fifteen yards for the final touchdown of the game. At the end the score stood Assumption 26 - Bluffton 12.

It was a backfield's game with Lenard, Alex, Jacques, Onorato and Reaume doing the brilliant work. The line was good in entirety as they stopped every advance made by the Beavers. On to Victory!





■ CAPTAIN LEO REAUME

LAWRENCE TECH - 13  
ASSUMPTION - 6

The Purple Raiders went down to defeat in their last game of the season with Lawrence Tech's Blue Devils emerging victorious with a score of 13 - 6. First blood was drawn when Awdey of Lawrence Tech crashed through the line for the first score. Conversion failed. With revenge, Assumption passed down for 80 yards to score with Pat Peartree scoring on a reverse end around sweep. As he went over the line standing up, no one touched him. Peartree failed to convert. At the half the score stood 6 - 6.

In the second half football was really played with no team being able to score until the last few minutes in the final quarter. A fumble due to a bad centre cost Assumption the game. As Lawrence Tech recovered on Assumption's fifteen-yard line, Utter scored from the one-yard line. Jelsch drop-kicked to make the final score Lawrence Tech 13 - Assumption 6. It had been every man's game until the fumble when Assumption had no time to score again. As the whistle blew, Assumption was in midfield and ready to march on to a touchdown. It was a hard-fought game and the better team won. Great credit is due to Staskewicz, Jacques, Long, Freeman and Haremski for their inspiring playing.

As a climax for a splendid season during the year, the Lawrence Tech game cinched for Freeman his berth on the All Star team.

It was a beautiful season for the Assumption football fans and students. It provided the most colourful season in Assumption football in years. Compliments to Coach John Shada and his team. Thus from a ragged team against Adrian College, Assumption ended their season to provide a spectacle of purely scientific, exhibitional football, a mechanical team working in perfect unison. And so until next year. On to Victory!

# LETTER AWARDS

Joe Ryan	Pat Peartree
Sig Haremski	Al Starker
Charles Freeman	Jim Dennis
Bob Long	Leo Davids
Sam Sasso	Dan Callaghan
Phil Spahn	Joe Slovisky
Howard Flynn	Jim McKinley

Eddie Suscinski

Al Staskewicz

Leo Reaume

Ed Westfall

Eddie Jacques

Aldo Lenard

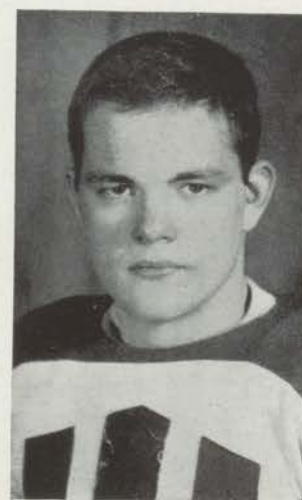
Bitzi Alex

Louis Onorato

Reo Marchand

## VALUABLE AND OUTSTANDING

Adrian College, De Sales, Findlay and Grand Rapids felt the brunt of "sixty-minute" Bob Long who proved his ability as Assumption's strongest defence in active combat this year by turning in a record of 446 actual minutes of play out of a possible 480 in the eight-game schedule. No one could vie with Bob for Varsity honours at the centre position. Truly a sensational Freshman player, he is worthy of the honour of "Assumption's Iron-Man", and we will see much more of him in the 1940 football season. At the end of the season Bob was chosen by the members of the team as the most valuable and outstanding player. It was the wisest choice possible, for Bob was certainly deserving of this honour. Congratulations.



■ BOB LONG



## ALL CONFERENCE HONORS THREE ASSUMPTION PLAYERS



■ ED. SUSCINSKI

At the right half-back position, Eddie Suscinski was honoured by the coaches of the Michigan-Ontario teams as the outstanding player in that position and was placed on the All Star team of the league. It was a good choice, for Eddie was deserving of it by his inspiring play during the games in which he was able to participate. He was out for a few games, but this did not hinder his chances for the All-Conference team.



■ CHAS. FREEMAN

Left Guard Charles Freeman was also named on the All Star Michigan-Ontario College football team. He won this recognition by splendid, spectacular, regular, and consistent playing. He was constantly an inspiration to the entire team and held up his own end so well as to stand off any attacks against his side of the line. A good guard and the best that Assumption has seen in years.



■ SIG HAREMSKI

At left tackle position, Sigmund Haremski was also named to the conference team along with his other two teammates. Together with Freeman, they presented a formidable wall to any offensive team. We can proudly say that no score was made through them while they were in there together. Strong offensively and defensively, he merited the award given him and promises to do much more for Assumption in the coming year.



## 1940 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Sept. 21 — Kalamazoo College

Sept. 28 — Kent State University

Oct. 5 — Lawrence Tech

Oct. 12 — St. Mary's College

Oct. 21 — De Sales College

Oct. 26 — Adrian College

Nov. 2 — Grand Rapids Junior College

Nov. 9 — Ferris Institute

Nov. 16 — Bluffton College





# BASKETBALL



■ First Row: Durocher, Mahaffy, Alex, Westfall, McNamara.  
 Second Row: Coach Shada, Slovisky, Ryan, Keenan, Mgr. Greenway, Phibbs, Fr. Donlon.

As the lid was raised for the '39-'40 basketball season, Coach Shada was faced not only with the stiffest schedule in years, but also with the prospect of working up a new team, a team that had never played together, a team comprised of individual stars. It was a difficult task and, though the season was not a success as far as the percentage of games won goes, yet we can feel nothing but proud of the team that went through the year with a spirit that could not be broken. The undaunted Assumption Purple Raider spirit will never be lost if future teams can equal this year's team courage.



32

## ALUMNI

31

In the first game of the year Assumption defeated the Alumni by a score of 32 - 31. Pat Peartree, a newcomer to the Assumption cage fans, sank a long one from the centre of the floor, with but seven seconds left, to win the game. High point man for Assumption was Norm Phibbs, Assumption's centre.

40

## UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT

67

The U. of D. defeated the Assumption cagers by a round score of 67 - 40. It was Detroit's game from the very outset, and it was all Assumption could do to stop Bob Calihan, All-American centre. The game was packed with thrillers and lucky shots. High point man for Assumption was Bitzi Alex.

37

## DE SALES

45

The championship team of the Michigan-Ontario Basketball League, De Sales College of Toledo, Ohio, handed the Assumption cagers their first defeat in the M.O. League. Assumption was hard hit by previous injuries, having lost Alex and Long. Assumption made a strong bid but could not get the lead. High point man was Joe Slovisky.

31

## FENN COLLEGE

39

Facing a Fenn College team for the first time, Assumption dropped another game by the score of 39 - 31. Norm Phibbs was out due to a sore knee. Assumption bid again in the second half for a strong comeback but lacked the power to win. Slovisky starred for Assumption and was high point man.

32

## LAWRENCE TECH

36

Due to lack of reserves which was to tell during the entire season, Assumption lost to Lawrence Tech 36 - 32. Assumption took an early lead and kept it until the last few minutes of play when Tech shoved in reserves which took the toll of the strength from the Assumption cagers. Tech scored enough points then to freeze the ball. Ryan was high man.

37

## DETROIT TECH

30

Defeating the highly touted Detroit Tech team by a score of 37 - 30 proved the first win for the Assumption cagers. Assumption took the lead and held it through the entire game. Detroit Tech looked clumsy against the brilliant and snappy playing of our cagers. Slovisky was high point man.



■ MAHAFFY



■ GREENWAY

53

DE SALES

65

Again De Sales came back to defeat the Assumption cagers by the round score of 65-53 to remain in the league championship tilt. It was power and reserves which defeated the Assumption team. It is impossible to play a basketball game with but nine good men. Slovisky was hurt in the game but previous to his being carried off the floor he scored 13 points to remain high man.

42

O. A. C.

26

The Ontario Agricultural College received a royal drubbing from the Assumption cagers to be defeated by the score of 42-26. Assumption took an early lead which they held much to the bewilderment of the Guelph, Ontario, team. Alex was high point man for Assumption.

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DYKE

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To avenge an earlier defeat in the season by a score of 38-50, the Assumption cagers defeated Dyke by the score of 45-40. It was a rugged game and could almost have been classed as a half football game. Alex and Phibbs, collecting 12 points each, were high point men for Assumption.

38

ST. MARY'S

44

The Assumption cagers were in no condition to stand the attack of the Poles after their game with Dyke. Wearied by a bitter struggle and lack of reserves, the Assumption cagers dropped another M.O. tilt by the score of 44-38. Slovisky was high point man for Assumption.

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CALVIN COLLEGE

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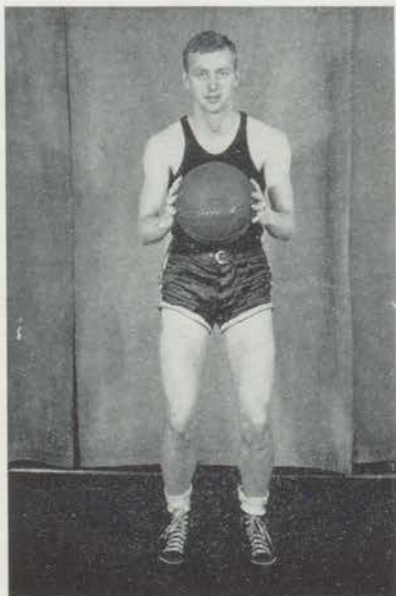
The fast passing attack of Calvin College cagers baffled Assumption with the result of the Calvin win by the score of 58-43. It was a fast game throughout. Mahaffy, a newcomer to Assumption fans, played an outstanding game. Joe Slovisky was high point man.

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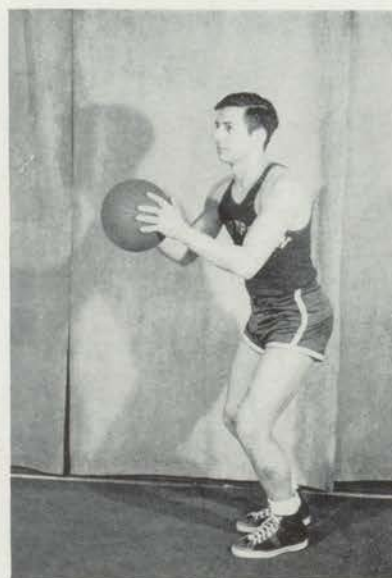
FERRIS INSTITUTE

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Assumption swamped the Ferris Institute boys by a score of 61-33. It was the first Michigan-Ontario Conference victory of this year. The Assumption lead at half time was kept until the final victory. The loss put Ferris at the bottom of the M. O. League. Alex was high point man.



■ RYAN



■ ALEX



23

## LAWRENCE TECH

37

The Purple Raiders went down to defeat at the able hands of the Blue Devils by the score of 37 - 23. The Assumption cagers were decidedly off colour and missed many shots that under ordinary circumstances would have been sure baskets. Joe Slovisky, Akron ace, was high point man.

41

## UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

55

The fast U. of T. team routed the Assumption five by turning in 55 points against Assumption's 41. It was impossible to break U. of T's zone defense. Mahaffy, although a low scorer, played flashy fighting ball. Ryan and Slovisky totalled 31 points with Slovisky being the high man.

53

## FERRIS INSTITUTE

49

Assumption cagers defeated the Ferris Institute boys by the score of 53 - 49. It was a battle throughout and Assumption fought to keep its early lead to finish the game ahead of Ferris. Mahaffy played brilliant ball and showed vast improvement. Alex was high point man.

74

## ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL

49

It was Assumption night all throughout the game as the score ended with the Purple Raiders ahead with a score of 74 - 49. It was the second time the O.A.C. boys were drubbed by Assumption. Norm Phibbs and Bitzi Alex led the attack with 16 points each.

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## ST. MARY'S

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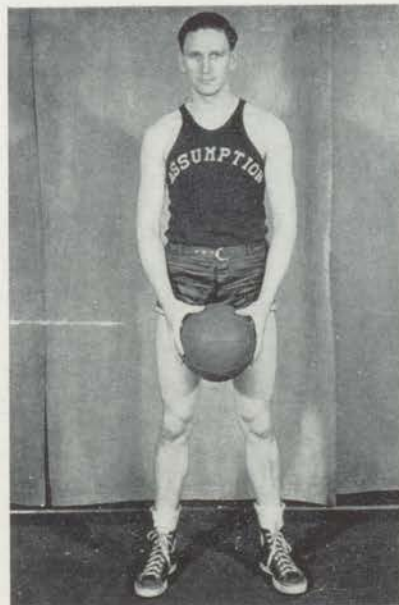
Assumption proved too much for the Poles to defeat them in a M.O. tilt with a score of 45 - 39. Mahaffy was outstanding along with Durocher, Westfall and Greenway who helped the Raiders along to victory. Due to the win, Assumption took fourth place in the M.O. standings. Slovisky was high man.

51

## CALVIN

52

In the final game of the season, Assumption gave Calvin its best and most flashy display of basketball. Despite the one-point win, Assumption has nothing but pride coming from the game. Walt Mahaffy, Westfall and McNamara were the best. Greenway and Gene Durocher played inspired ball. Slovisky was high man.



■ SLOVISKY



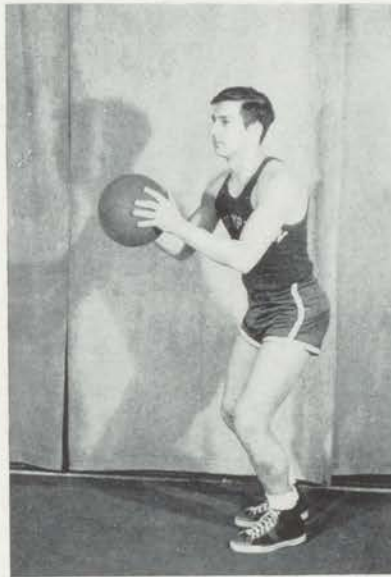
■ PHIBBS

# ON TO VICTORY!

Though the season may have numbered many reverses as far as the victories went, yet the total number of points gained for and against Assumption are very significant. Assumption totalled 961 points while her opponents totalled 1001 points. The games were not without interest and this can be easily noticed by the percentage of the points. The team as a whole was flashy, snappy, and as a rule was pleasing to any audience. During the entire season, nine players were on the squad. All won their major award letter in basketball and all added to that clean sportsmanship feeling that is always at Assumption. Assumption is proud to have had such a team, a team that, regardless of where they went, their behaviour was such that could only redound upon Assumption the discipline, goodness, and knowledge for which she is already famous. In ending their season, we can only extend our sincere congratulations and for the future we say: On to Victory!



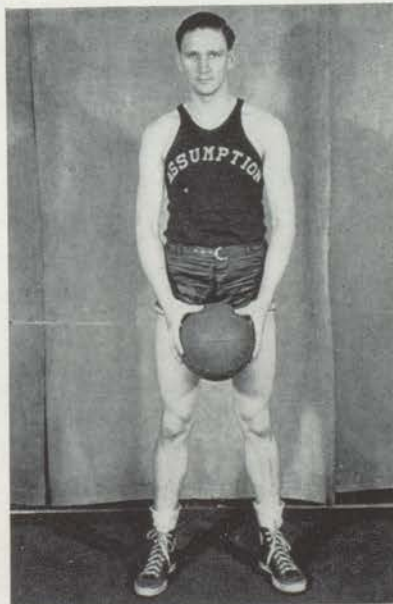




■ ALEX

## CO-CAPTAINS ELECT

There was no better choice for the '40-'41 basketball season than "Bitzi" Alex and Joe Slovisky. They have been an unbeatable combination throughout the entire year. Slovisky has been the high scorer in most of the games during the entire season and this is easily seen by his shots from any place on the court floor. He is practically uncanny with the preciseness of his baskets. "Bitzi" Alex has been the mainstay of the team from the beginning of the season and set up all the plays that enabled the Assumption Purple Cagers to present their attack against any foe. Both boys are in their first year of competition at Assumption and it is with great anticipation that we look forward to next year's team under the capable management of these two boys.



■ SLOVISKY

## WINDSOR ALUMNI VS. ASSUMPTION VARSITY

Despite the fact that the Assumption Varsity cagers came out as the underdogs in the Windsor Alumni (not the Assumption College Alumni) cage series, there is nothing but pride, courage, inspiration, and a fine display of sportsmanship that remained to be given to the memories of Assumption fans. There has been no series so vitally connected with the feud between the Alumni and Assumption than this year's series and it will be always the best display of "fighting" ball ever played on a Windsor court.

To the mind's eye the entire series was built around one player, Walt Mahaffy, who displayed the highest brand of basketball ever shown at Assumption in years and years. The number of points do not show up in this lad's record but his playing was the talk of the border fans. All of the Assumption cagers, Bitzi Alex, Joe Ryan, Norm Phibbs, Joe Slovisky, Bob Greenway, Ed Westfall, Jim McNamara, and especially Gene Durocher, played basketball in these games as never played before. In the first encounter, a photo finish, the Alumni nosed out Assumption by a score of 34 - 33 with Ryan being high point man. In the second series Assumption defeated the Alumni 44 - 40 with Joe Slovisky being high. It was in this game that fists flew after Norm Phibbs was jumped from the rear by some over-enthusiastic alumnus. The fray was stopped with little damage but not until after Norm had been kicked in the side and back with resulting damages that kept him off the court for two weeks. Small wonder then that the final game finally found the Windsor fans interested in a "fighting" team, take it either way you please. The third and final game gave the Alumni the city cage series with a score of 34 - 31. In this final game Bitzi Alex was high man. Despite the rumour that there would be flying fists there was no evidence of such a brawl. Assumption football letter winners acted as ushers for the game and perhaps their burly presence prevented any serious outbursts from any too-prejudiced a fan.

The cage series ended the season for Assumption and it is with a well satisfied feeling that we heave a sigh and reflect on last year's record. The sports department feels that the team is well deserving of praise and words of encouragement. A surprising element here enters as it is recalled to the mind that in the series both the Windsor Alumni and the Assumption Varsity totalled 108 points each, thus giving no team the edge over the other in points. They have had a good season and we extend our sincere congratulations. For the future: On to Victory!



# MINOR SPORTS



■ WHEN CONNIE MACK, "the grand old man of baseball", visited Assumption.

## BASEBALL

Baseball took its original bow here in the spring of '71. Thereafter until the Great War we find that baseball was considered the sport as far as Assumption College was concerned. But after the war and with the advent of the college, baseball began to slip from its pre-eminent position, until today it is relegated to a few weeks in the spring, whereas during its heyday it began as soon as the snow left the ground and continued until the snow returned.

In the olden days, equipment was a dream and only the catcher and the first baseman had gloves—which truthfully could not be bragged about. At the earliest sign of baseball in the spring, and again in the fall, each player was charged fifty cents to defray any expense that might arise from some miscalculation.

The consensus of the old-timers gives the best team in the year '88. It was composed of such stars as Monsignor I. Malone, Fr. F. Cullinane, J. O'Keefe and A. Regan. Continuing on a few years we come to a couple of the great stars. Many will remember "Ny" Clarke, '93, who displayed his ability in the majors at Cleveland, and Fr. C. Collins, known as a pitcher but a better third baseman. Fr. Collins is here today and is a pleasant memory of those "good old days when."

Frequent visitors to Assumption were Connie Mack of Philadelphia and Wish Egan of Detroit. In recent years Billy Rogell, formerly of Detroit and now of Chicago, has been the inspiration of the teams. However, everyone admits that there will never be a time like the old days.

Baseball in the present day is indeed fast becoming a thing of the past due to the fact that the final examinations come in early May and there is no time to either produce a schedule and much less to play a definite schedule of games. Enthusiasm as regards baseball has never waned, but circumstances prevent any extensive program being planned for those fans who are interested in the sport. Remaining this year as veterans from last year's team are Charles Clark, Leo Reaume, Howard Flynn, Don Benson, Gene Durocher. Newcomers who are anxious to again don the gloves are Joe Ryan, Al Staskewicz, Jim Dennis, Les Peters, Walt Mahaffy, Joe Slovisky, Charlie Freeman, Bob Long, and Bitzi Alex. There is indeed a wealth of material at Assumption for a very promising baseball team but it is doubtful whether a team will be able to be formed this year or not. Small wonder it is then that, though still a favorite with many of the boys, baseball has bid and has lost out due to the early departure of the students.





# GOLF

The year 1939-40 marks the second year that golf has found itself on Assumption's athletic program. Inaugurated in 1938-39, golf gave great promise for a healthy future. Last year the season was marked by two events: the M.O. Conference tournament at Grand Rapids, Michigan; and a match with Detroit Tech at Lakewood. In neither of these events did Assumption emerge with the laurel of victor, but it can be unblushingly admitted that the golf squad vindicated themselves adequately to warrant a permanent position for golf in Assumption.

Upon the basis of this vindication, then, golf was organized this year under the captaincy of Lyle Gray and the managership of Bernard Bilitzke. Both of these men plus Bill Burke and Norm Phibbs are veterans of the inaugural squad. With these veterans composing a nucleus other members, including Bitzi Alex, Jim Dennis, Al Staskewicz, Pat Peartree, helped substantially to form the '39-'40 squad of Purple mashie maulers. Especial color was lent to the team by the captaincy of Lyle Gray, who is Windsor's Junior Champion and one of the leading young golfers in Western Ontario. Other honors are divided among the players which helps Assumption to present a formidable squad.

The planned events of this year are duplicates of those held last year: the M.O. Tournament, and the Tech match. The M.O. tilt will be a thirty-six hole medal event, and the Tech encounter will be an eighteen hole match affair. These two events will provide serious tests for the two brands of golf which the Purple golfers are hiding in their dust-laden bags.

With the expected successful completion of the '39-'40 program golf will find itself one of the biggest of Assumption's spring activities, perhaps even eclipsing baseball!



Note: When this volume went to press, the Golf team was not completely organized for a group photo.



# HOCKEY

Canada's national sport is gradually re-installing itself at Assumption.

Being that this year Assumption is passing another milestone, and to bear out the statement just made, let us glance over the past.

In the early days of the college hockey was the major sport. Assumption at that time included in its victories such eminent names as Notre Dame and the University of Michigan.

With the growth of the student body, and the accompanying influx of American students, basketball became more and more stressed and fast became a major sport. In this field Assumption went the limit and added a Dominion Championship to her laurels. During these years hockey was forced to the background.

However, basketball itself began to wane a little, and just a little. It was enough though to give hockey a chance, and in the ensuing years Assumption took everything in the Conference and made a name for herself in the Ontario Hockey Association. Unfortunately hockey was destined for a definite slump, for the next year she merely managed to have a team in the local C.Y.O.

From that year on interest in hockey has gradually increased which zeal finally found its expression in the construction of this year's rink. To see so many students dashing about the ice in such an experienced manner added fuel to the belief that once again the stage is set to establish hockey as a major sport, and permanently so. Bolstering that opinion is the fact that our High School teams are developing a wealth of material, ready to be brought up to a varsity team.

What more do we need? We have a rink, a fair amount of equipment, plenty of good players, and a good farm team in the Senior High School.

It would be safe to say that in the very near future the world's fastest sport will again break into the limelight and Assumption will once again take her place amongst the big name schools in a sport in which she is most capable of doing.



# INTRAMURAL SPORTS



On Wednesday, December 13, 1939, "Whizbang" Clifford, the winner of the day scholars' ping pong tourney, cornered the remaining shares of glory at the expense of Paul Barrett, the boarder king. Bernard Bilitzke's campaign to headline midget tennis in the intramural sports program was a huge success and great credit is due him and the "two" kings for their splendid sportsmanship. The runners-up in the boarder tourney were Joe Ryan, Nick O'Neill, "Sig" Haremski, and Monty Nigro, who lost his match to Barrett in the semi-finals. Amongst the day scholars, Flynn, Clifford and Grassi were at the head of the list with Clifford escaping unscathed in the final melee.

The basketball league was a success under the very capable management of Bernie Bilitzke. Amongst the come-and-go students the "Juniors" composed of Lewis, Grassi, Holland, Nickols, Laker, and Boyer nosed out the "Internationals", Westfall, Sasso, Flynn, Reaume, Beauvais and Watson. The other day team in the league was the "Unknowns", Gray, Mickle, Lenard, Callighan and Temkow.

In the boarder league, the "Tankers" emerged the victors by beating the "Philosophers" in the final standings. The "Tankers" were Spahn, Dennis, Davids, Jacques, Long, Koerber, Barrett and Stasiewicz as opposed to the "Thomists", McManus, Haremski, Burke, Bilitzke, McAlpine, Keenan and Pilliod. The two other teams in the running list were the "Hybrids", Plante, Williams, Burger, Butler, Reszyka and Reidel, and the "Faculty", Shada, Hussey, Fr. Donlon, Fr. Armstrong, O'Reilley, Devine, MacMillan, Campbell and Crawley.

That the intramural program was a decided success this year is an indisputable fact. New enthusiasm was awakened among the students and a decided interest in all intramural college activity reached a high pitch. The students devoted their time and energy to promote a better feeling of athletic sportsmanship during these tourneys. The games were all exciting and filled with the fighting spirit that can only be found among the students who are unable to participate in Varsity endeavour. They are all capable players in their own class and did a fine show of sportsmanship in the intramural league. To Bernard Bilitzke and Nick Richards, who gave freely of their time, go much credit. That the league basketball contest which was sponsored by them was smoothly and efficiently run is a decided token of interest and attitude which they brought to their work. As in the past so in the future, better success each year in the intramural sports league and, as to the Varsity players, we say: On to Victory!





■ E. PENET

■ R. WILLIAMS

■ P. PLANTE

The task of bringing out the enthusiasm of the Purple Raider rooters falls naturally to the cheer leaders. During the past year these men have performed their duty well, not only on the athletic field, but also at all of the pep rallies held at the college. Of the candidates who applied, these three were chosen for their versatility, geniality, and perhaps their locality. Pete Plante is from North Troy, Vermont; Eddie Penet is from Detroit, Michigan, and "Tex" Williams is from Houston, Texas. All three received awards for their labour.

There was no one whose presence on the athletic field was more felt, more appreciated, more inspiring than that of "Doc" Hemond. Practically a second "dad" to everyone, "Doc" did a great deal to alleviate the actual and the mental injuries of everyone. His service was voluntary, his heart was willing. Though the boys at the end of the year presented "Doc" with a medicine bag for "services rendered", yet each one of us herein express our deep and sincere thanks to the man who will always remain a pleasant memory and a constant inspiration.



■ C. J. HEMMOND, M.D.  
Staff Physician



■ H. DREW  
Trainer

The job of trainer fell to Harry Drew, one of the best known fellows in the college. Harry is sincere in his work and applies himself industriously to each individual case. There was no task too difficult, no request too demanding for Harry. An expert on all aches and pains, Harry has done a lot to improve the athlete's condition. He is always present, ever ready to help, and a plugger for the team if there ever was one. His ideal is physical development and Harry not only preaches his doctrine, but practices it. So to Harry Drew go our sincere thanks for everything.

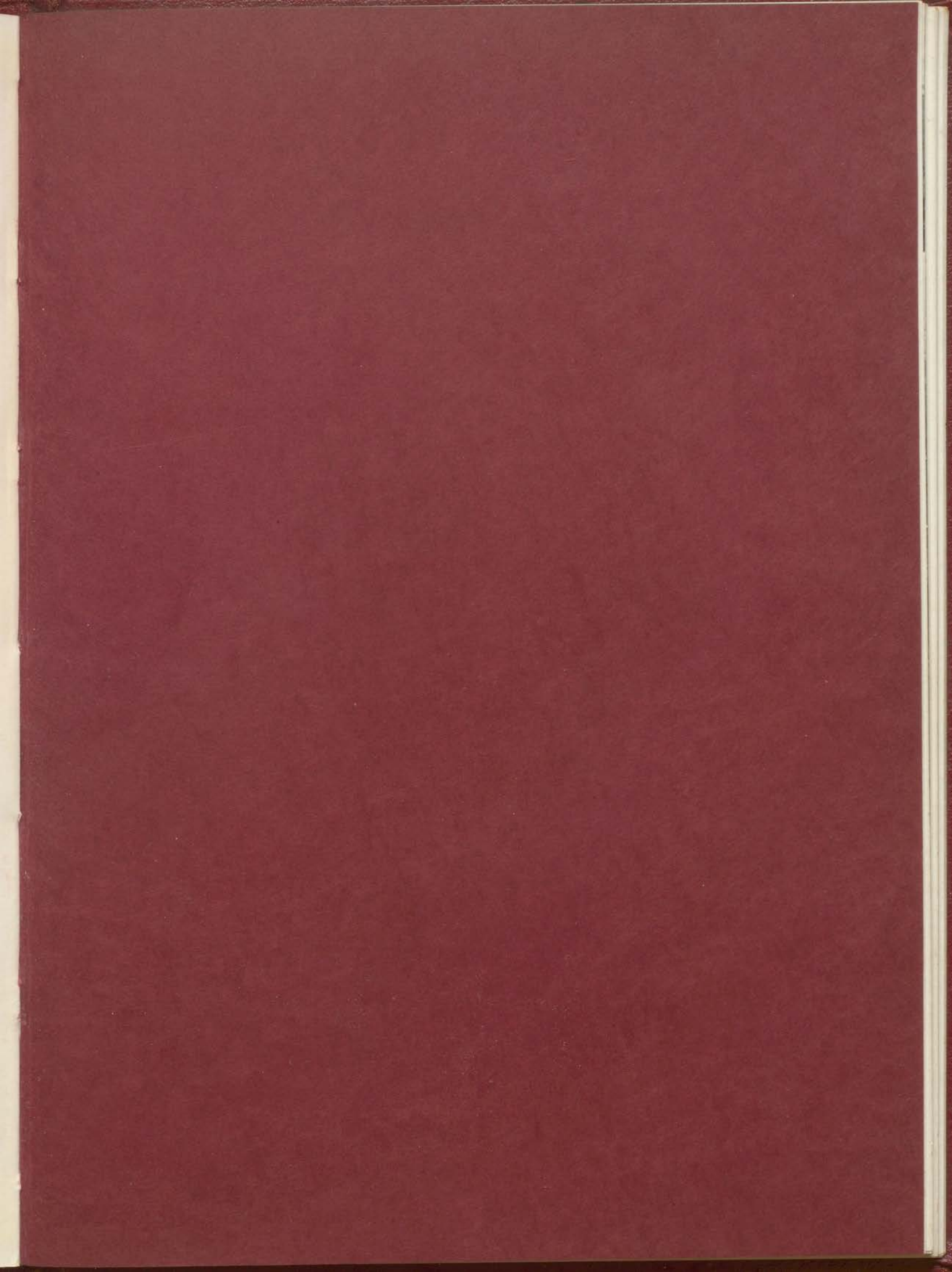
















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■ W. A. McGUIRE  
President Alumni Association



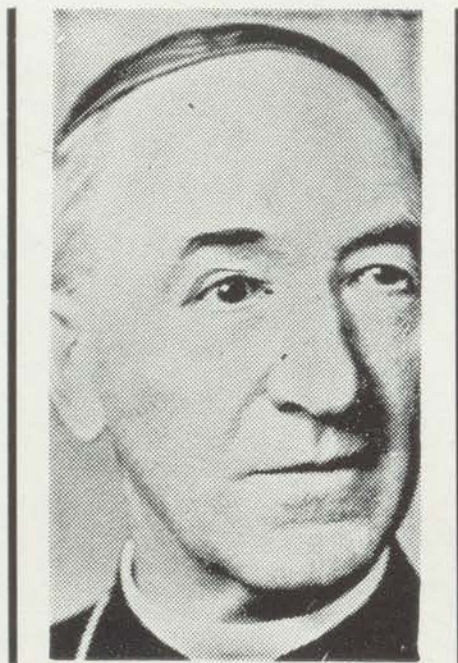
# IN RETROSPECT



If the laws of change ruled existence, the great institutions which we hold so dear would disappear with time. A retrospective glance would reveal only certain names and pictures. Fortunately this is not true for many are those who have taken their places in the world who drank at the fount of knowledge provided by Assumption College. Therefore not so much with individual names, but the splendid spirit that set afire Assumption's glowing flame — a spirit that should inspire us who have now taken the torch — is the purpose of the ensuing pages. We have cut our words to a minimum and have employed the use of photographs as much as possible in an effort to recapture the spirit of the "old boys". Therefore, it is with pride that we open up the pages of the past to present the Assumption of yesterday — Assumption as she was in her halcyon days — Assumption at her best!



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■ HIS EXCELLENCY, JOHN T. KIDD,  
Bishop of London

It is with pleasure that I learn of the celebration this year of the Seventieth Anniversary of the work of Catholic education in Assumption College by the Basilian Fathers.

What wonderful changes have taken place during those years! What sacrifices have been made for that great cause! What extraordinary results have been produced! Think of the thousands who directly and indirectly have accomplished so much for the honour and glory of God and for their native land because of what Assumption College has done for them.

To produce such fruit required men of foresight, great courage, high motives and confidence of God's blessing on their work. This latter they surely received and in an abundance. The zeal displayed by those in charge of this work, the energy exercised for the benefit of the young men who were fortunate enough to enter there must have done much to send forth in those parts men who are a blessing to a country.

In this age of extraordinary industrial progress we are so apt to measure, weigh, count or value things by their material worth. Man is a moral and intellectual being placed in this life but for a relatively short time. His endless life in eternity depends upon his conduct here. That is the uppermost thought in Catholic education. While keeping that ever in its proper place Assumption College teachers realize that their students have an important part to play here and which is ordained by God. They are consequently prepared for their life's work in this world. You can judge of a tree by its fruit. Assumption College is very pleased to be judged by what it has produced during those seventy years. The benefit the Basilian Fathers of Assumption College have conferred upon the community which has enjoyed the privileges of Assumption College cannot be measured or weighed by the measures of this world.

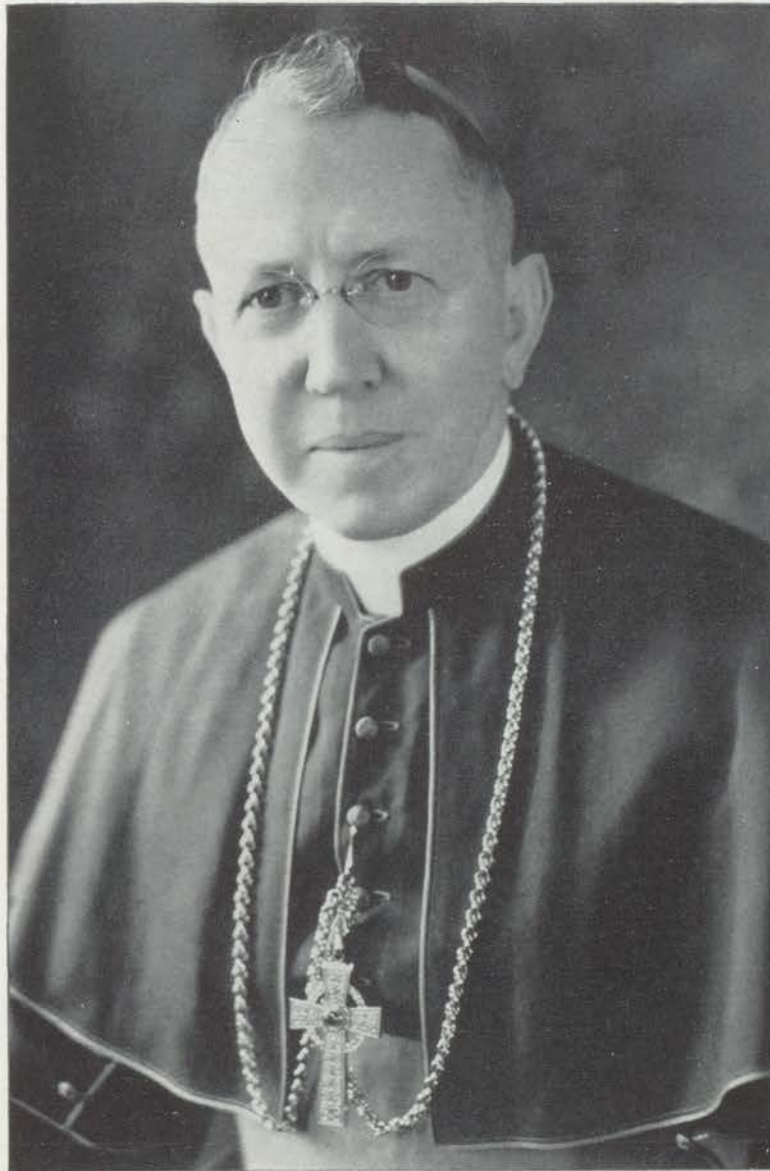
Wishing the Basilian Fathers and Assumption College every success and blessing, I am,

Yours faithfully,

✠ JOHN T. KIDD,

Bishop of London.





■ HIS GRACE, EDWARD MOONEY,  
Archbishop of Detroit

It was interesting to learn from your letter that this year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of Assumption College.

I know that I can speak for a large body of clerical and lay alumni in Detroit in expressing deep-felt appreciation for the outstanding service which your Alma Mater has rendered the Diocese of Detroit over this long term of years, and in voicing the hope that the continued prosperity and expansion of the College will but strengthen the ties that bind us together in the cause of Catholic Education.

Cordially yours in Christ,

✠ EDWARD MOONEY,

Archbishop of Detroit.

*The Editor,  
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Windsor, Ont.*

# THE ALUMNI

For seventy years young men have gone through the portals of historic Assumption out to their places in the world in order to fulfill the mission which Almighty God has designated for them. Both in the professional and the religious worlds, Assumption, old in service but young in spirit, has contributed many illustrious personages, even to the extent of sending our missionaries into far off China.

For many years the number of alumni was comparatively small and no concentrated effort was centred on the organization of graduates until 1903. Since that time the association has grown gradually with each year's enrollment. From all parts of Canada and the United States, students have come and gone, each sharing in the fruits of knowledge put forth by the Basilian Fathers.

One large contribution toward increasing the enrollment at Assumption was the advent of the University course in 1919 when the College became affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. This affiliation thus enabled the Basilian Fathers to conduct a complete Arts course of University calibre.

Throughout these seventy years the Alumni Association has worked diligently in forming a series of scholarships named after and in memory of Archbishop O'Connor and Fathers Cushing, McBrady, Ferguson, Dumouchelle, Mungovan, J. B. Collins, Frank Forster, Pat Howard, all of whom are dead, and in honour of Fathers Muckle, D. L. Dillon, V. Kennedy, and our present President, Father T. A. MacDonald.

The last reunion of the Assumption Alumni Association was in 1930. The executives placed in office at the last election included: President, Father Denis Hayes; Vice-President, the late Father D. L. Brisson; Secretary-Treasurer, Father J. Dolan; Counsellors, Father J. J. McCabe, Monsignor Laurendeau, Father P. Mugan, Doctor Charles Hemond, Mr. Walter Dunne, Father F. Brennan and Father F. Stock.



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■ Second Row: H. Peltier, C. Bradley, D. Deneau, L. Donlon, Mayhew, Lalonde, W. Parsons.





1909-12  
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Group Pictures  
of  
Boys Who Came and  
Went  
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1910-20

Row 1—Msgs. Van Antwerp visits the school.

Row 2—Early Boarders—Fr. Welty in rugby suit.

Row 3—Dick Kent, Ed Baum and Bennie Jacques, Baseball; Various Class Groups.

Row 4—Fr. Todd, Baseball, Fr. Coughlin.

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Row 1—Clarence Dwyer, 1912-18,  
and two sons who attend  
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Row 2—1937 Class; Dr. Durocher,  
1932; M. Baby, Assumption's oldest  
living alumnus.

Row 3—Jack Oakley's gang of  
1936.

Howard Pray, 1912,  
and two sons.



# THE AMBASSADOR CLUB

This is a partial directory of former Assumption College students. The names and addresses of former classmates should prove a source of interesting information, therefore all patrons, i.e., those who have financially contributed to the Ambassador, who attended Assumption College, have been classed in this Alumni Patron Directory. These loyal Assumption men hereby become members of the Ambassador Club.

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the Detroit diocese were educated at Assump-  
tion College?

That the Philosophers' Building is 83 years old?

That Father Collins, C.S.B., was at Assumption when  
the College was only eighteen years old?

That the radio priest, Father Charles E. Coughlin,  
once taught Dramatic at Assumption?

That Assumption Church was founded in 1767 and  
that the present building was erected in 1843?

That the pulpit in the Church was placed there in  
1792 and that it was carved by the French  
sculptor, M. Ferot?

That in the early days of Sandwich the law read:  
"Murderers, horse and sheep thieves shall be  
hung in some public thoroughfare and remain  
in full view of passersby until the flesh rot from  
their bones?"

That the first steam ferry boat between Detroit and  
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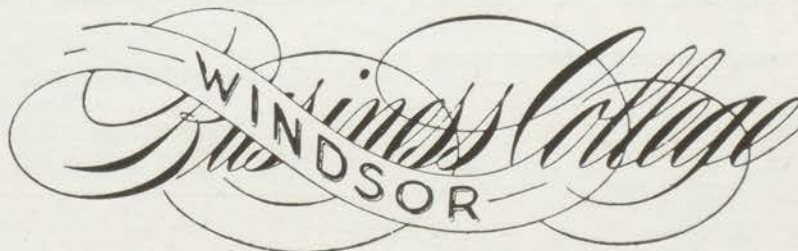
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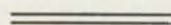
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W. A. D. BÄBY (1868-1879).

Editor's Note: Mr. Baby is one of Assumption's oldest living alumni. He started school in 1868 when Assumption was under the direction of Theodule Girardot. Mr. Baby was born in Sandwich in 1858 and is now residing in Hamilton, Ontario.



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The Huron village occupied about a mile square southwest of the 350-acre Church farm which had been donated to the Church of the Assumption by the various chiefs of the Huron nation. This village was separated from the Church by the road known as the Huron Line. In 1799 the Indians permanently

retired from their village at l'Assomption to the reserve at River Canard.

At the time of the building of the church at l'Assomption there were no white settlers on the south shore of the Detroit River. In the years 1749, 1751, 1754, settlers were sent here by the French Government which granted them land on the south side and helped them establish themselves. By 1752 there were twenty families on the south shore, and in the same year Father Potier baptized Jean Dufour, the first white child born in the present County of Essex.

The settlement, which then comprised about two dozen farms, has witnessed many changes since its founding. In 1760 the Bourbon lilies of France were replaced by the British flag, as the whole territory became the possession of George III. The settlement up to now had been known as the South Side, but for the next twenty years it was known as the "l'Assomption Settlement". In 1728, in accordance with Lord Dorchester's proclamation of that year, the parish of l'Assomption was organized into the Township of Sandwich. Henceforth the settlement was known by this name, and when General Hull invaded Canada in 1812 he dated all his correspondence from "Sandwich". Between 1812 and 1836, when it was decided to call the village Windsor, probably after the leading tavern, "The Windsor Castle", the settlement was known as The Ferry, Richmond, and South Detroit.

In 1854 the village of Windsor was separated from Sandwich. Four years later it was incorporated as a town, and at the same time Sandwich town was also incorporated. Progress continued; settlements bordering the Detroit River expanded, until in 1935 the four municipalities of Sandwich, Windsor, Walkerville and East Windsor were amalgamated by special act of the Ontario Legislature into the City of Windsor.

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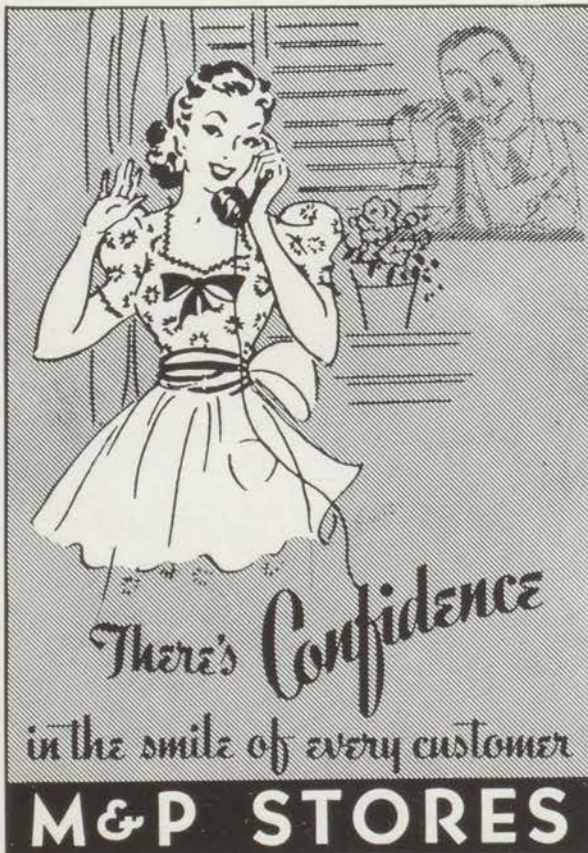
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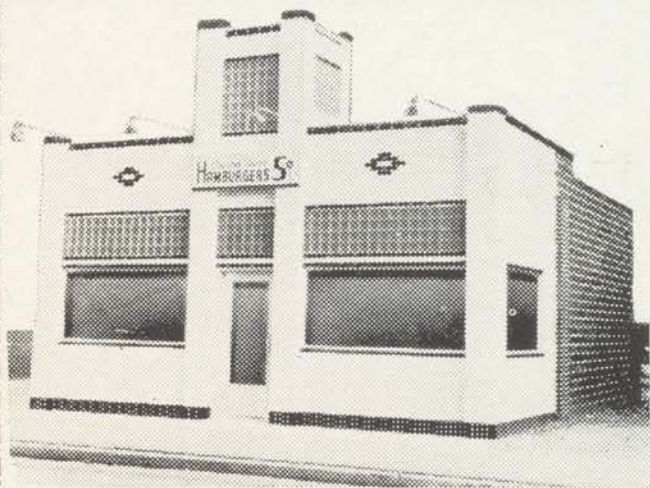
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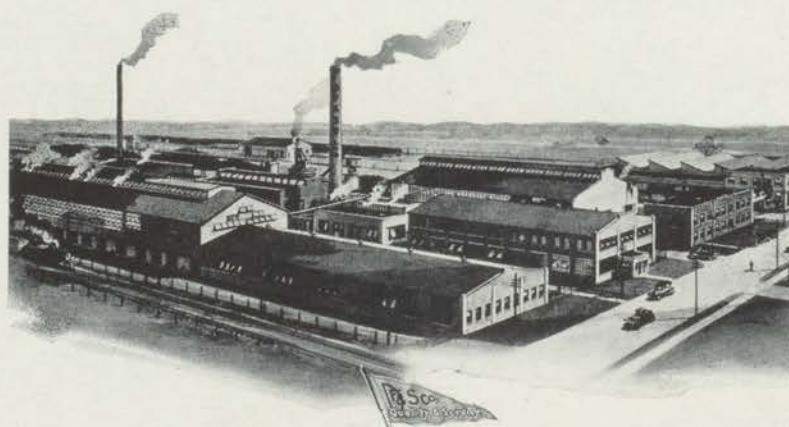
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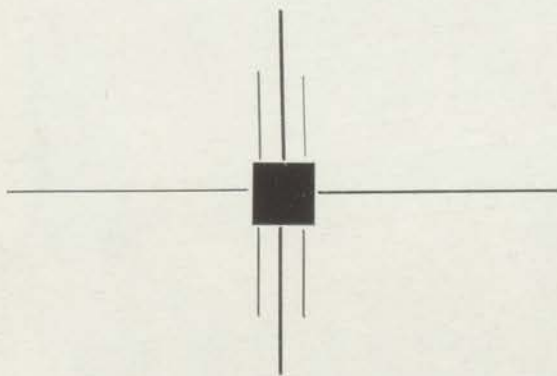
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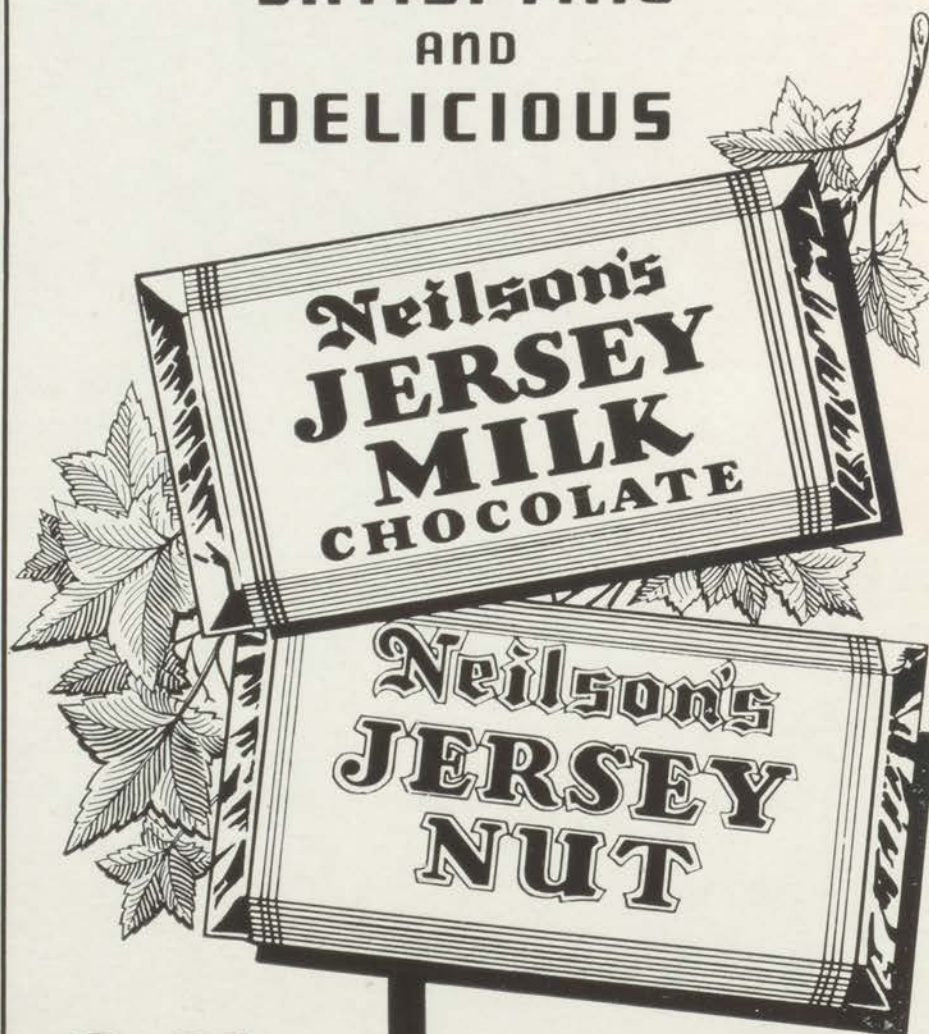
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